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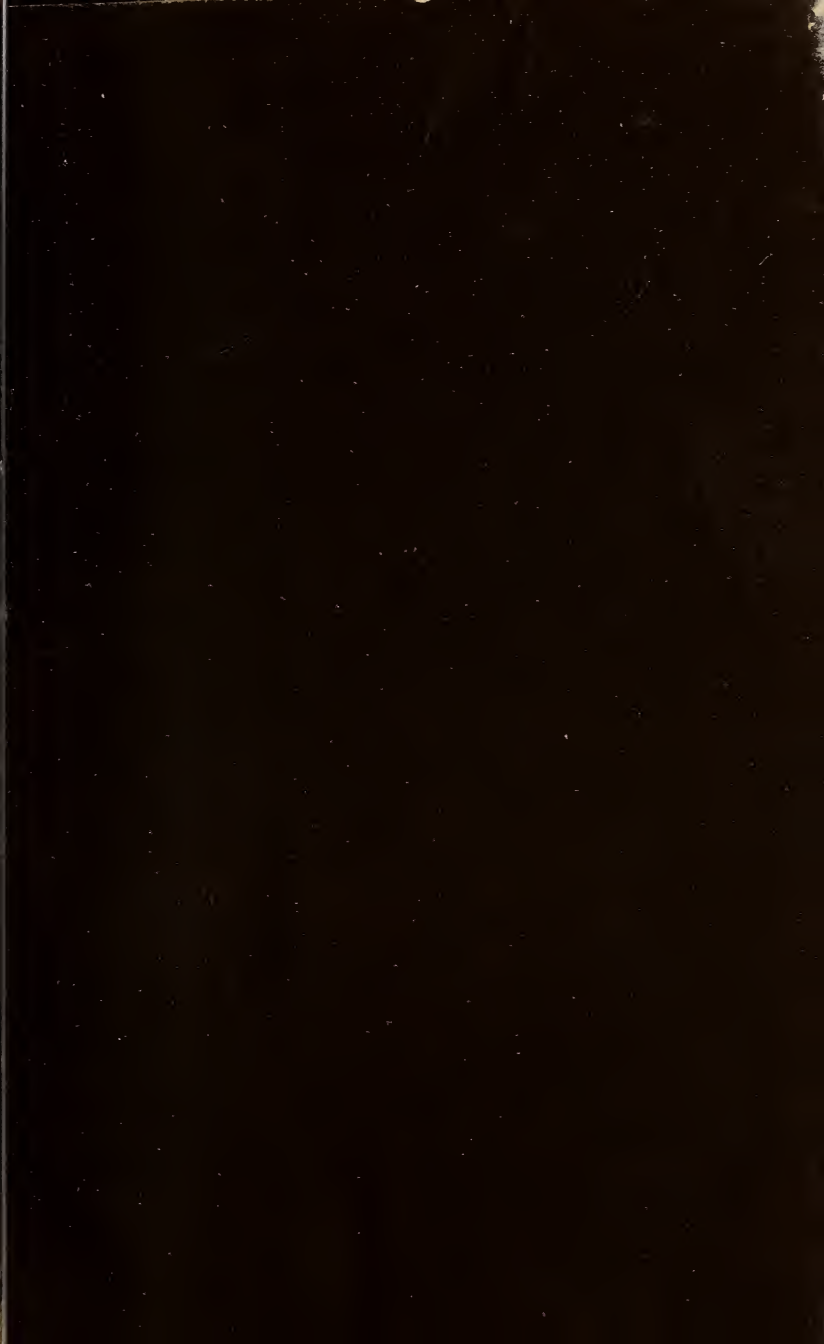


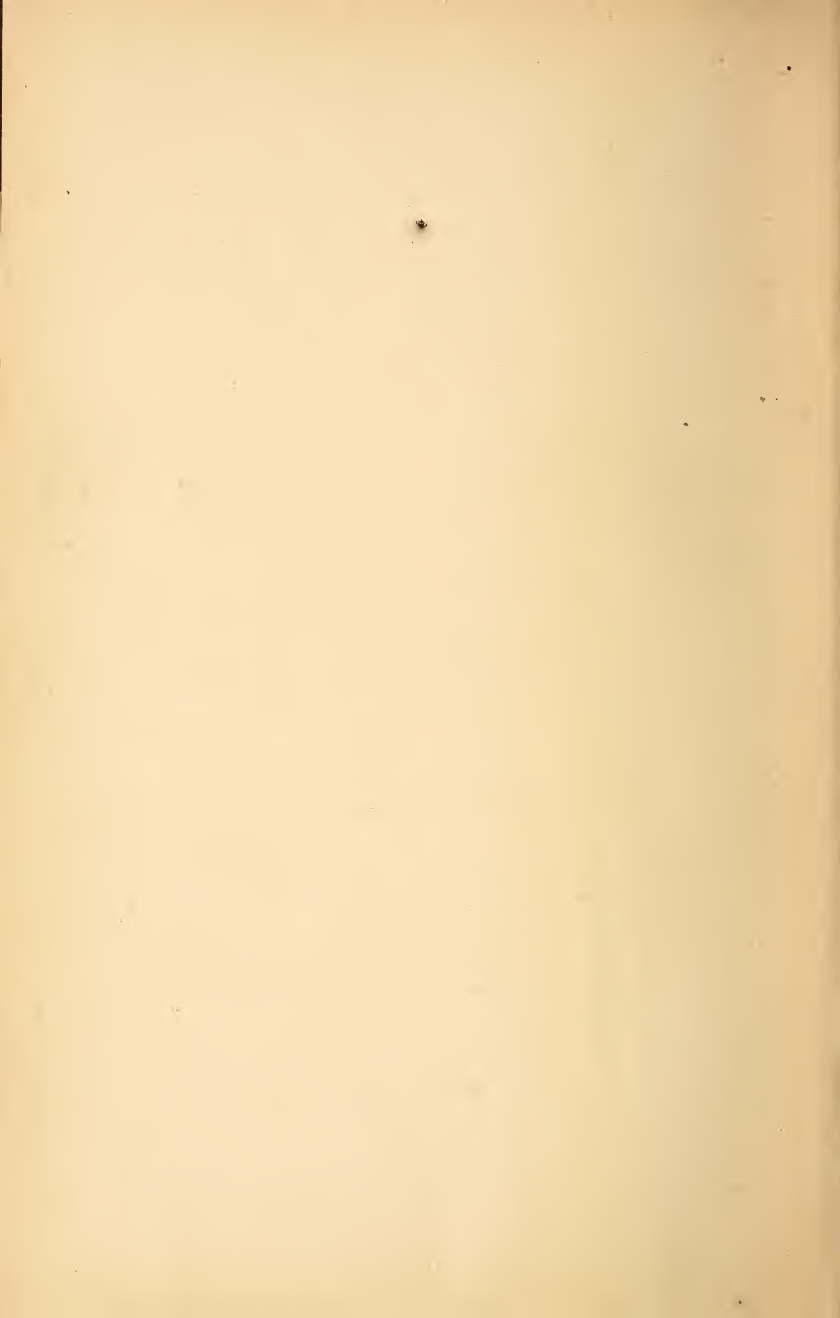
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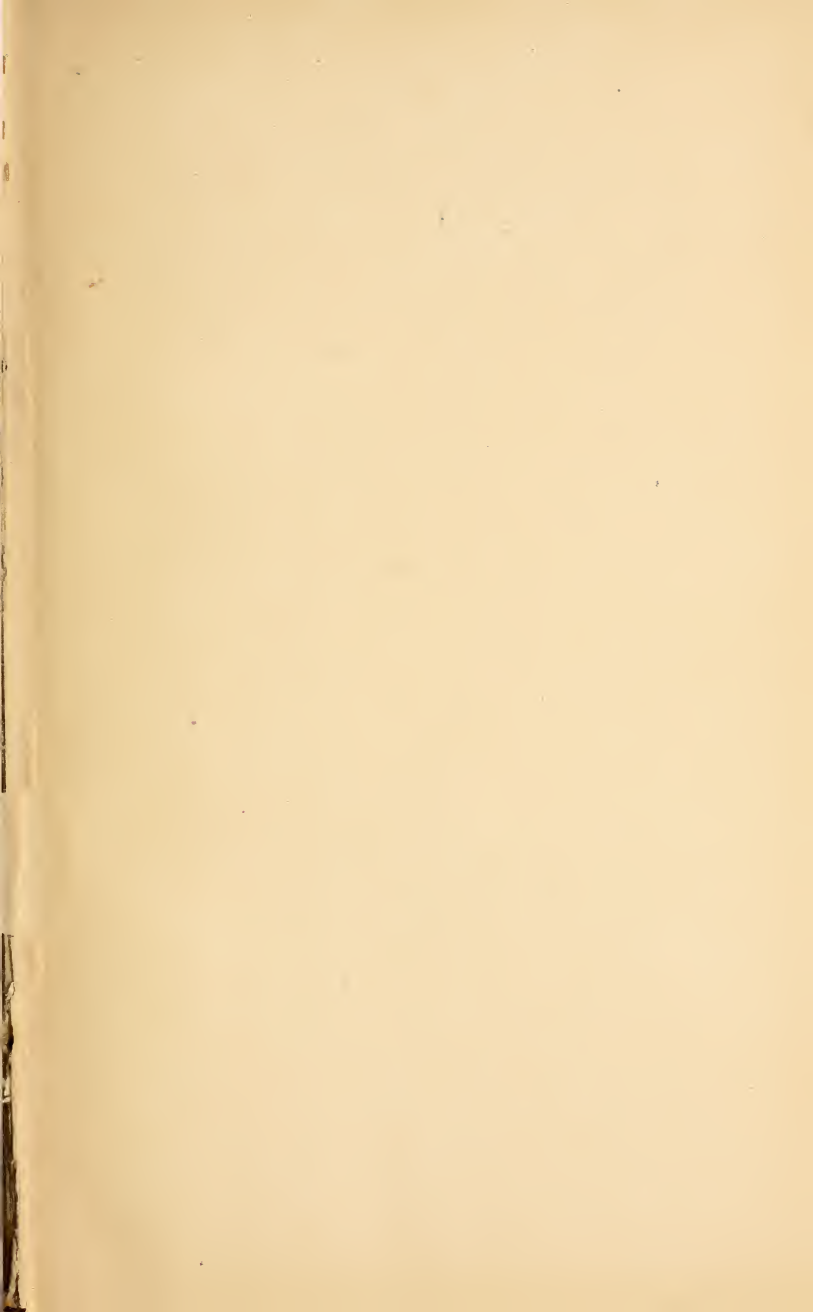
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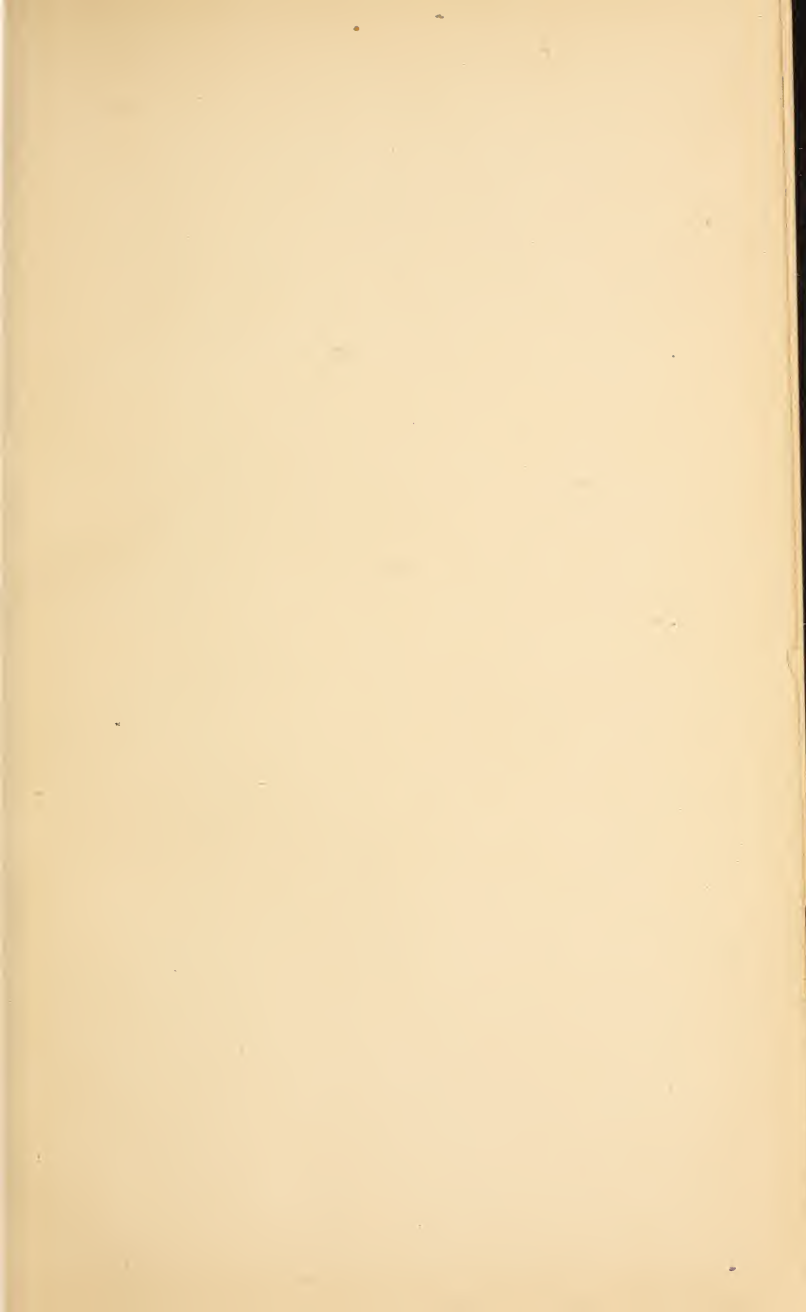
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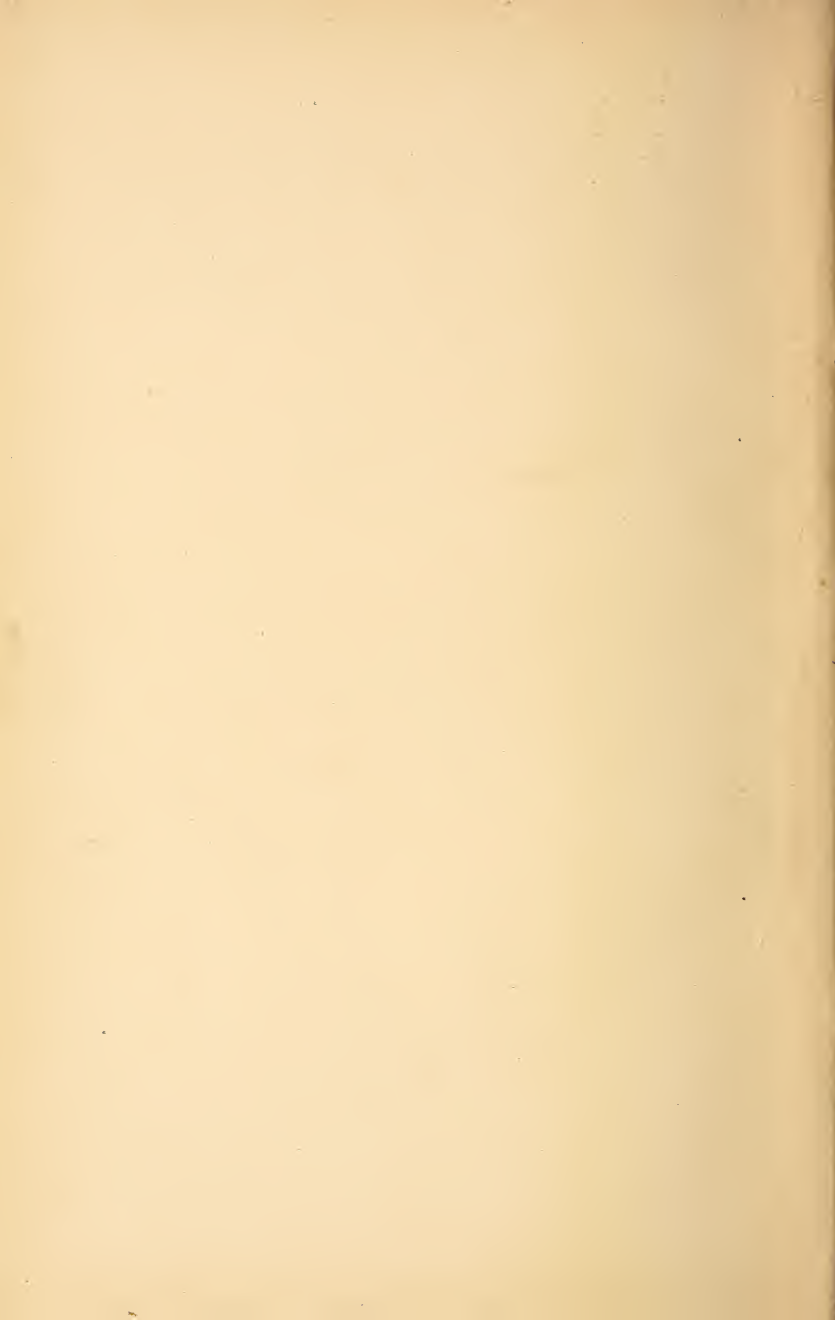




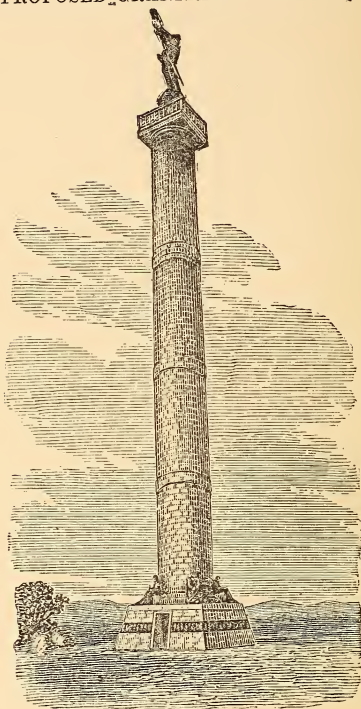








PROPOSED GRANITE MONUMENT.]



100 Feet High. Accessible to Top.

The Vermont Legislature at its last session appropriated \$15,000 for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a suitable monument commemorative of the achievements of General John Stark and the patriot soldiers of Vermont New Hampshire and Massachusetts, at the decisive Battle of Bennington, fought on the 16th of August, 1777.

THE SECOND BATTLE OF BENNINGTON:
A HISTORY OF
Vermont's Centennial,
AND THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF BENNINGTON'S BATTLE.

A CIVIC AND MILITARY REVIEW.

BY CHARLES S. FORBES.

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Dedication.

*To the Most Worthy Descendant of
Vermont's Patriotic Manhood and Womanhood of
One Hundred Years Ago,
And the Most Illustrious Representative To-Day of
National Patriotism, True Statesmanship,
and Sterling Political Principles,
R. U T H E R F O R D B. H A Y E S ,
The Chief Magistrate of the United States, North,
South, East and West;
Whose Honored Presence in Vermont on Her
Centennial Anniversary Week has Placed
Him First in the Hearts of
Her People,
This Work is Respectfully Inscribed by
The Writer.*

ILLUSTRATIONS AND DIAGRAMS.

- I.—Proposed Battle Monument.*
- II.—Bennington Centennial Grounds.*
- III.—Village of Bennington, 1877.*
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PREFACE.



The patriotic exercises and the imposing display which characterized the commemoration of Vermont's Centennial existence as a free and independent State, and the one hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Bennington, during the week of the 16th of August, 1877, are now of historic interest. History has done impartial justice to the glorious constitutional victories and martial achievements of one hundred years ago. The story of the "Second Battle of Bennington," and the history of Vermont's Centennial Celebration, redound no less to the honor and credit of the State than did the events of 1777. The writer has undertaken this work at the request of numerous friends, and in response to a public demand for the publication in some convenient and attractive form of the history of that memorable week at Bennington. He will review briefly the patriotic events of 1777, and, commencing with the incorporation act of the Bennington Battle Monument Association, by the Legislature, in November, 1876, and the subsequent formation of "The Vermont Centennial Commission," the preliminary arrangements of these pioneers of the Centennial, will be followed down to "the days we celebrate." He purposes to give a concise and comprehensive history of the scenes, events and exercises of the great anniversary week, with a resume of the National Guard's Muster, and sketches of each Company of the First Regiment, and of all military organizations present at Bennington. The writer has labored to prepare a memento of interest, and one worthy of the successful commemoration.

This work is the result, in a great measure, of the writer's observation, and of notes taken on "the scene of action," as the representative of the *Burlington Free Press and Times* and *St. Albans Advertiser*. As a guest at Camp Stark of the Ransom Guard, he desires to gratefully acknowledge their hospitality during the Muster.

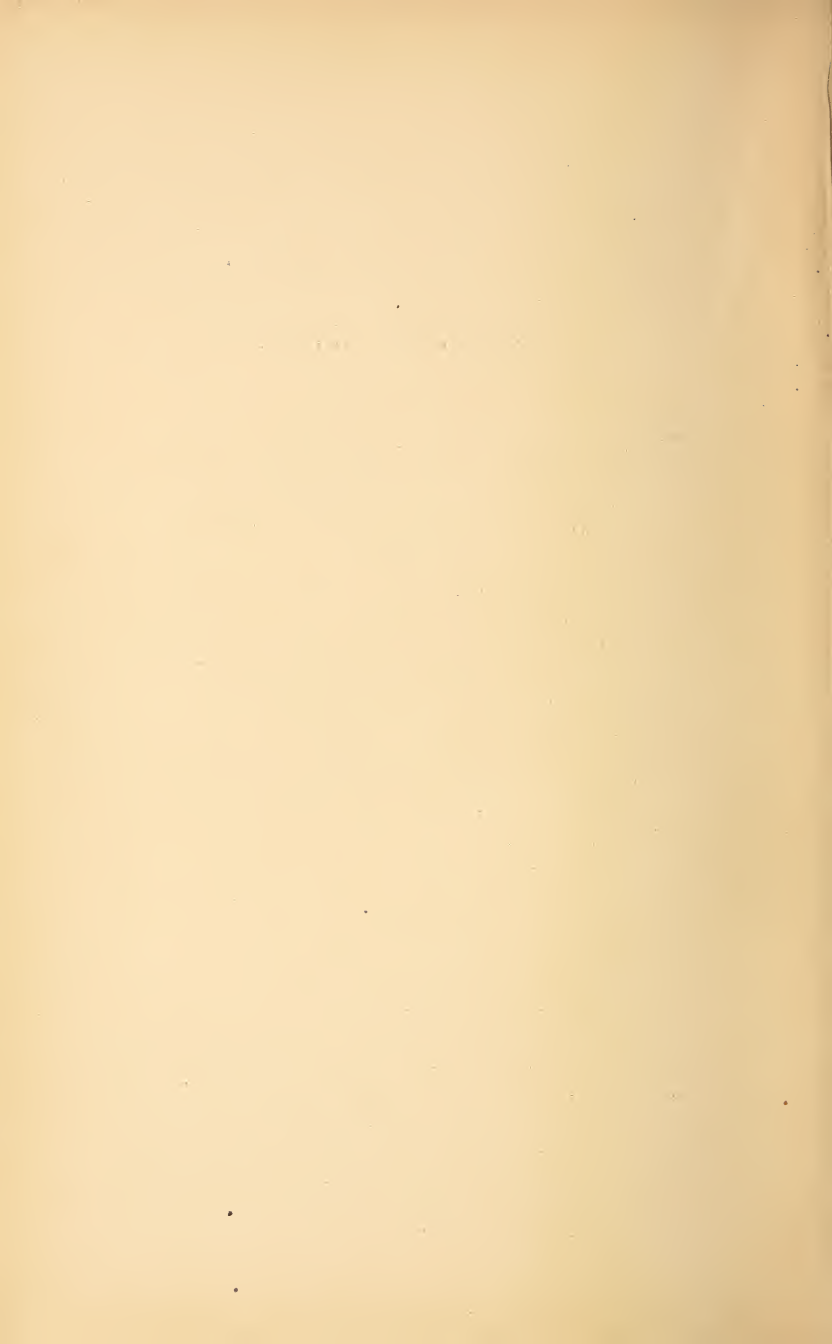
To all commanders of military organizations who have kindly prepared sketches of their respective commands, and encouraged the writer in advance of the publication of this work—by orders for nearly 1,000 copies—he is under great obligation. He is especially indebted to Major A. P. Childs, of Bennington, Editor of "The Vermont Centennial" newspaper, and to A. H. Tuttle, Esq., Manager of the *Rutland Herald and Globe*, for the use of the fine illustrations that embellish this work.

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INTRODUCTORY.

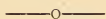
TH E commemoration in this country of the great historical events that have characterized this Centennial Era, which commenced with the hundredth anniversary of Bunker Hill and Concord, continued at Philadelphia, and so recently ended at Bennington, has exhibited the truest spirit and shown the highest test of National patriotism and republican simplicity in the manner of their observance. In the Old World, rulers of the martial stamp of Frederick the Great and Napoleon, commemorate their conquests made and battles won, and perpetuate these achievements, by erecting imposing triumphal arches, and Colossal statues in the courts of the Imperial City. On anniversary days the subjects of the Throne, who won the victory, but not the glory, celebrate the events which history has recorded in their own blood, by patriotically, but with subdued enthusiasm gazing upon these lifeless monuments of bronze and marble that stand to the honor and glory of "The Powers that Be." But in this land of free thought and equal rights we need no such reminders of the past to recall the patriotic deeds and heroic acts of those who died to make liberty and freedom possible. The remembrance of those events and the memories of the men of one hundred years ago, are perpetuated in the hearts of the people, and finds a fitting expression in the patriotic display of the red, white and blue; in flags and bunting, in gaily colored emblems and mottos, and in the mingled music of artillery and church bells. These with popular demonstrations and public rejoicing on anniversary days, are the best monuments to a glorious past, a peaceful present, and a future of progress and prosperity.



THE SECOND BATTLE OF BENNINGTON.

A HISTORY OF

VERMONT'S CENTENNIAL.



CHAPTER I.

The events of 1777 Reviewed. — Incorporation of the Bennington Battle Monument Association. — Formation of the Vermont Centennial Commission. — Events Preliminary to the Celebration.

THE conflict on the battle field at Bennington, August 16th, 1777, was prefaced so briefly by the martial note of warning to the patriot "minute man," that the decisive and glorious victory there achieved seems all the more remarkable and brilliant, while each recurring anniversary adds lustre to the names and fresh laurels to the brows of the heroic dead. It is not the writer's purpose to review at length the events of the historic past. Suffice it in this work to preface the history of Vermont's Centennial by a preliminary skirmish at this "outpost" of the Second Battle of Bennington, and by recalling the memorable events of one hundred years ago, to form an appropriate background of the patriotic deeds and noble actions of the men of 1777, which were commemorated at Bennington on the Centennial Anniversary of their occurrence.

The echoes from the battle fields of Concord, of Lexington and Bunker Hill had died away nearly two years in the past, and the declaration of American Independence had been six

months proclaimed at Philadelphia, when the new year, 1777, dawned. With it there appeared on the Eastern horizon, among the galaxy of States, the star that never sets. Even while all was seeming peace and content on the surface of this royal domain, along the Connecticut and among the green hills of the interior of the New Hampshire Grants, to the shores of Champlain, in the mid-winter of 1777, when the Frost King, —unlike King George of England—was monarch of all he surveyed, there assembled at the snow-bound hamlet of Westminster a convention of brave and hardy pioneers and freemen, who declared their independence of Britain's King and laid the foundation for a free and sovereign republic to be known as Vermont. And as the advancing summer's sun unbound the icy fetters, and loosed the hold of the Arctic King on the Green Mountain slopes and fertile valleys of the new born State, so the coming season witnessed the form and sceptre of Royalty wave and disappear, while edicts from the King were scorned as chaff. Midsummer came, and the pioneers and patriots of the New Hampshire Grants assembled at Windsor, and adopted a constitution for the new republic. These were the victories of peace, even while the tramp of red coated regulars, and the thunders of English artillery were heard within her borders. Six weeks later these same Green Mountain boys, fresh from the farms and meadows, came down to Bennington with hunting gun and powder horn, undisciplined and unused to war, to battle for the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and in defence of their constitution and new-born freedom, against the flower of the English army. It is gratifying to recall the fact that at Bennington, "the flag that waved a hundred years"—the stars and stripes, received its baptism of fire, and was carried to victory for the first time on land. It was a worthy initiation of the National emblem that to-day is honored the wide world over.

THE INCORPORATION OF THE BENNINGTON BATTLE MONUMENT ASSOCIATION.

The patriotic people of Bennington have, on each recurring 16th of August, celebrated this battle day with commendable

enthusiasm and ceremony. The General Assembly of the State, at the biennial session of 1876, recognized in a very substantial and fitting manner the memorable events of the past, and anticipated the patriotic public sentiment which the approaching Centennial Anniversary of Vermont's great battle, and the hundredth year of her Constitution, Declaration and Freedom, would arouse, by passing the following act of incorporation. This was the first gun at the second battle of Bennington.

An Act to incorporate the Bennington Battle Monument Association.

SEC. 1. Hiland Hall, Horace Fairbank, W. H. H. Bingham, Justin S. Morrill, E. J. Phelps, Geo. F. Edmunds, Isaac Jennings, Trenor W. Park, John B. Page, Jacob Estey, E. P. Walton, John Gregory Smith, Asahel Peck, John W. Stewart, Abram B. Gardner, Paul Dillingham, Harmon Canfield, Edward Seymour, Burnam Martin, Frederick Billings, Franklin Butler, Jed P. Ladd, Mason S. Colburn, Edward A. Sowles, Carroll S. Page, E. D. Mason, W. W. Grout, E. P. Colton, George N. Dale, Duane L. Kent, Gilbert A. Davis, Homer Goodhue, Milo C. Huling, J. Henry Guild, George W. Farwell, Oscar E. Butterfield, Cyrus Jennings, E. D. Blodgett, Redfield Proctor, John Lovejoy Mason, Eben Graves, Hiram Burton; and Seth B. Hunt, H. Henry Baxter and William M. Evarts, of the city of New York; Samuel Sanford and Daniel Robinson of Troy, New York, and Sidney B. Squires, of Boston, Massachusetts, with seven persons to be elected annually in January by the Bennington Historical Society, are hereby constituted, with their associates and successors a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Bennington Battle Monument Association, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a suitable monument commemorative of the achievements of General John Stark and the patriot soldiers of Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, at the decisive battle of Bennington, fought on the sixteenth of August, 1777, with all the rights and powers incident to corporations; and said corporation shall be located at Bennington, and may have a common seal and the same alter at pleasure; may sue and be sued; may make such laws and regulations as may be necessary, not inconsistent with the laws of this State; and may take and hold, by gift, purchase, devise or otherwise, real and personal estate to the amount of thirty thousand dollars, and the same manage and dispose of for the purpose of said corporation.

SEC. 2. The Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, shall be members, ex-officio, of this corporation; and said corporation, at

their first meeting or at any annual meeting, may elect, by ballot, any number of persons not exceeding sixty in all, exclusive of the members ex-officio, to be members of the corporation.

SEC. 3. At their first meeting said corporation shall elect a president, a vice-president, a treasurer, a secretary, and a board of directors, and may elect other officers as they shall see fit. The treasurer shall give bonds in such sum as the directors shall determine, and these may be increased from time to time as they may order.

SEC. 4. The Governor is hereby directed to invite, in the name of this State, the States of New Hampshire and Massachusetts to unite with the State of Vermont in erecting a battle monument at Bennington.

SEC. 5. No moneys appropriated by the State shall be expended by this association in the erection of a monument until sufficient funds shall have been accumulated by the association to complete it.

SEC. 6. This association shall, at their first annual meeting, take measures to secure at Bennington, during the week of the 16th of August, 1877, an appropriate centennial celebration of the battle of Bennington, and also the recognition of the year 1877 as the one hundredth year of the existence of this State as an independent State.

SEC. 7. The Auditor of Accounts is hereby directed to draw his order on the Treasurer of the State, in favor of the Treasurer of this Association, for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, upon receiving satisfactory proof that said Association has raised and is in actual possession of available funds to the amount of five thousand dollars, to be expended for the erection of a battle monument at Bennington; he is also directed to draw a further order for the sum of two thousand dollars, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section six, provided the Association shall raise the sum of two thousand dollars for this purpose.

SEC. 8. The first meeting of this corporation shall be held, without further notice, on the second Wednesday in January, A. D. 1877, at the Court House, in said town of Bennington, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which meeting any ten of said corporators shall form a quorum for business.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved November 23, 1876.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

In conformity with the provisions of this act, the first meeting of the corporators of the Association was held at Bennington, on Wednesday, January 10, 1877. The Association organized by the election of the following board of officers: President, Governor Horace Fairbanks; Vice-President, ex-

Governor Hiland Hall; Secretary, Chas. M. Bliss; Assistant Secretary, John T. Shurtleff; Treasurer, Milo C. Huling; and the following Board of Directors: A. B. Gardner, A. B. Valentine, Chas. E. Dewey, Olin Scott, A. P. Childs, all of Bennington. A Literary Committee was formed, consisting of the following gentlemen of culture: C. M. Bliss, A. B. Gardner, Isaac Jennings and E. J. Phelps. The following seven persons were added to the membership—the same being elected thereto by vote of the Bennington Historical Society: C. E. Dewey, C. M. Bliss, Olin Scott, H. G. Root, A. B. Valentine, G. W. Robinson, and J. T. Shurtleff. The Monument Association also elected Messrs. A. P. Childs, W. E. Hawks and E. S. Chandler, all of Bennington, as members. An Executive Committee was formed at this meeting, consisting of Hon. A. B. Gardner, A. P. Childs, Chas. E. Dewey, and Olin Scott.

FORMATION OF THE "VERMONT CENTENNIAL COMMISSION."

This commission was created through the Battle Monument Association at their first meeting. The object and purpose of this new organization being auxiliary to that of the association itself, which was to arrange and carry out a programme of exercises for a fitting and worthy commemoration of Vermont's Centennial, and Bennington's one hundredth battle anniversary for the week of the 16th of August. As a financial nucleus the State had voted the sum of \$2,000 for this observance; and the best guarantee that the celebration would be a grand success—if such a thing were among the possibilities—and that the necessary funds would be provided, was in the following able and excellent board of officers who were elected:

President, E. J. Phelps, Burlington. Vice Presidents, Hiland Hall, Bennington; Ryland Fletcher, Cavendish; Fred. Holbrook, Brattleboro; John Gregory Smith, St. Albans; Paul Dillingham, Waterbury; John B. Page, Rutland; Geo. W. Hendee, Morristown; John W. Stewart, Middlebury; Julius Converse, Woodstock; Asahel Peck, Jericho; W. H. H. Bingham, Stowe; Burnam Martin, Chelsea; Geo. N. Dale, Island Pond; W. W. Grout, Barton; Jed. P. Ladd, Alburgh. Secretary, Charles M. Bliss, Bennington; Treasurer, Milo C. Huling,

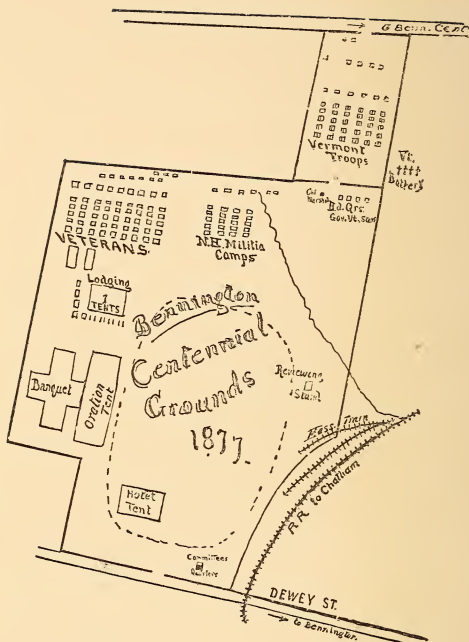
Bennington; Executive Committee, Henry G. Root, Milo C. Huling, A. B. Valentine, Bennington; Geo. A. Merrill, Rutland; C. S. Page, Hydepark.

Subsequently sub-commissioners, or local committees, were appointed throughout the State, for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions to the Centennial fund.

EVENTS PRELIMINARY TO THE CELEBRATION.

Meetings were held to further this end from time to time, and the result attests to the patriotic liberality of the citizens of this State. Among the subscribers are found the names of the following public spirited and distinguished men. Gov. Fairbanks, Hon. Frederick Billings, Hon. T. W. Park, Gen. H. H. Baxter, for \$500 each. Ex-Govs. Smith, Page, Hall, Hons. Redfield Proctor, L. P. Poland, N. T. Sprague, A. B. Gardner, and Messrs. Lansing Millis, A. B. Valentine, Cyrus Jennings, W. E. Hawks, H. E. Bradford, H. H. Conkling, S. B. Hunt & Co., C. E. & E. Dewey, with others, \$100 each. The amount raised in this manner has been sufficient to meet the expenses incident to the grand celebration.—(so far as present calculation can arrive at).

Agreeably to the invitation extended to the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, to assist in the erection of the proposed monument, and to participate in the anniversary celebration commemorative of the event the monument was designed to perpetuate and signalize, the Old Bay State promptly appropriated the sum of \$7,500, the Granite State followed by an appropriation of \$5,000, toward the monument, making with the amount voted by Vermont and that received from other sources, the total of \$32,500 up to the present time. These two sister states also voted the sum of \$2,000 each, for the purpose of providing for the attendance of the Governor and staff, the legislative bodies, and a military escort at Bennington, in acceptance of Vermont's invitation.



EXPLANATORY NOTES.

Main Ground, 1800 feet in length. Oration tent accommodates 12,000. Banquet tent seats 3500. Reviewing stand and elevated seats on right of dotted line, (old race track). Headquarters Governor of Vermont, Chief Marshal and Division Commanders in front of Vermont Camp. Committees' Headquarters just inside entrance to grounds. Massachusetts train upon siding within the grounds as shown. Putnam Phalanx occupy the Seminary, near Bennington Center. Exhibition of Revolutionary Relics at Bennington Center.

CHAPTER II.

The Military Commemoration.—Col. Peck's Order.—The Centennial and Muster Grounds. — Arrival of the National Guards, and Occupation of Camp Stark. The first day of Camp Life.

THE Bennington Centennial being commemorative of the greatest military achievement of the Green Mountain Boys of the days of Allen and Warner, it was highly appropriate that the "descendants in arms" of these patriotic sires—the National Guard of Vermont—should muster on this ground made historic, on the Centennial anniversary of that battle. Although no clash of arms from contending forces would again resound through this beautiful valley, yet the "pomp and panoply" of war that martialed here as conservators of peace, was in striking contrast to the militia of 1777 that contested Royal troops with flint locks, and in homespun dress. Instead of the midnight call by courier, the martial note of warning came to the National Guard from the printing press in

COLONEL PECK'S ORDER.

HEADQUARTERS FIRST REGIMENT,
NATIONAL GUARD OF VERMONT,
BURLINGTON, Vt., July 16, 1877. }

General Order No. 24.

I. This regiment will go into camp at Bennington, Vt., on the morning of Saturday, August 11, 1877, for eight (8) days.

II. This camp will be known as Camp Stark.

III. Company commanders will report at regimental headquarters for duty upon their arrival in camp.

IV. Immediately after Guard Mount on the morning of August 13, 1877, the First Sergeant of each company will report to the Adjutant at his quarters with company rolls and rosters for inspection.

V. Unless otherwise ordered the following routine of duty will be observed :

1. Assembly of Trumpeters, 5 A. M.
2. Reveille, 5 30 A. M.
3. Assembly (roll call), 5.45 A. M.
4. Police call, 6 A. M.
5. Breakfast call 7 A. M.
6. Surgeon's call 8 A. M.
7. Guard Mount—Assembly of Trumpeters, 8.30 A. M. Assembly of guard details 8.45 A. M. Adjutant's call. 9 A. M.
8. Battalion drill, 10 A. M.
9. Recall and roll call, 12 M.
10. Assembly, 12.05 P. M.
11. Dinner, 12.30 P. M.
12. Company drill. 1.30 P. M.
13. Recall and formation for Battalion drill, 2.30 P. M.
14. Recall, 5 P. M.
15. Dress parade—Assembly, 5.45 P. M. Adjutant's call, 6 P. M.
16. Supper, 7 P. M.
17. Assembly of Trumpeters 9 P. M.
18. Tattoo, 9 15 P. M.
19. Assembly (roll call), 9.30 P. M.
20. Taps, 10 P. M.

FIRST REGIMENT NATIONAL GUARD OF VERMONT.

At Bennington, August 11th to 18th.

ROSTER OF OFFICERS.

NAME.	RANK.	RESIDENCE.
Theodore S. Peck.....	Col.....	Burlington.
Wm. L. Greenleaf.....	Lt.-Col.....	Winooski.
Carlos W. Carr.....	Major.....	Brandon.
Albert D. Tenney.....	Adj't.....	St. Albans.
William Smith.....	Q. M.....	Burlington.
Sanford E. Weston.....	Com'ry.....	Burlington.
Josiah P. Crampton.....	Surgeon.....	Winooski.
Charles P. Thayer.	Ass't do.....	Burlington.
Leroy M. Bingham.....	Ass't do.....	Burlington.
Daniel C. Roberts	Chaplain.....	Brandon.

NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF.

Henry M. Stanton.....	Sergeant Major.
Ed. E. Greenleaf.....	Q. M. Sergeant.
J. S. Spaulding.....	Commissary Sergeant.

Geo. G. Smith.....	Ordnance Sergeant.
Barney E. Mead.....	Hospital Steward.
Geo. C. Hastings.....	Drum Major.
H. C. Simmons.....	Chief Musician.

CAPTAINS.

CO.

Carlos D. Williams.....	F.....	Northfield.
John W. Newton.....	D.....	St. Albans.
Julius J. Estey.....	I.....	Brattleboro.
Charles C. Kinsman.....	A.....	Rutland.
J. Newton Culver.....	B.....	St. Albans.
Ira M. Hatch.....	C.....	Brandon.
Nelson O. Wilcox.....	K.....	Bennington.
Wm. W. Henry.....	E.....	Burlington.
Eugene Leavitt.....	G.....	Bradford.
John H. Sargent.....	H.....	Middlebury.

FIRST LIEUTENANTS.

Matthew G. Gilder, Company B; E. H. Howes, F; E. M. Fdgerton, A; Edward H. Webster, C; Fletcher K. Barrows, I; James A. N. Williams, K; Eben Taplin, E; Charles F. Dickey, G; F. S. Stranahan, D; William L. Cady, H.

SECOND LIEUTENANTS.

Emerson W. Bordo, Company B; George Q. Day, A; William H. Bradford, K; Frederick W. Childs, I; William L. French, E; John L. Moseley, F; William T. Terrey, G; Lewis J. Cayhee, C; Seymour H. Wood, D; Edgar L. Stewart, H.

FULLER LIGHT BATTERY, BRATTLEBORO.

Levi K. Fuller.....	Captain.
Edwin H. Putnam.....	Adjutant.
C. Adams Gray.....	Assistant Surgeon.
Charles R. Briggs.....	1st Lieutenant.
John G. Rice.....	1st Lieutenant.
Edwin A. Puffer.....	2d Lieutenant.
Patrick Conner.....	2d Lieutenant.

POSITIONS OF COMPANIES IN LINE.

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THE CENTENNIAL AND MUSTER GROUNDS.

The ground selected for the military encampments, and for the public exercises to take place on, was exceptionally beau-

tiful in its location, and picturesque in its surrounding scenery. The forum is a fifty acre field, sloping down from the wooded sides of Mount Anthony in billowy ridges toward the valley, where lies the village with its white houses, looking like flakes of foam on a sea of green foliage. All around, save to the westward, are the steep slopes of the Green Mountains, with dark cloud-shadows floating along their sides. The grounds are situated some half a mile from the depot, between the center and lower villages. The smooth, lawn-like surface of the meadow, free from either stone or bush, presented a charming scene, bordered by the pretty camps of the National Guard and veteran soldiers, the rows of tents looking as white as snow drifts on the velvet green of the field. To the south of "Camp Ethan Allen" was erected the banquet tent, 410 feet in length and 50 feet wide. At the north of this tent was the orators' stand, situated so the people could sit under the banquet tent while listening to the literary exercises. West of the banquet tent there was erected two pavilions, running parallel with each other, 150 feet long and 35 feet wide, at which the veteran soldiers took their meals. Thirty-six wall tents were erected, which were let for lodging purposes to parties desiring the privilege. Headquarter tents were also provided for the President and the Governors of different States. On one side of the field 700 feet of track was laid for the accommodation of the train of 18 Pullman cars which conveyed the Governor, Council and Legislature of Massachusetts.

ARRIVAL OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AT BENNINGTON.

Saturday, August 11th, was a perfect day, bright, cool and refreshing in its attractions. After a fine ride on a special train of twelve cars, the National Guard arrived at Bennington at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The advent of the military was signalized by the blowing of half a dozen locomotive whistles, and a salute from Fuller's Battery of 12-pounders, which had marched over the mountain from Brattleboro, reaching here early Saturday morning.

The regiment was met at the place of debarkation by the Park Guard, accompanied by the Park Guard Band, and the

Bradford Light Guard, which arrived on a night train the evening before. The Ransom Guard Band of 24 pieces—the Regimental Band for the Muster—also came by this train, and, led by the home band, a procession was formed as follows:

1. New England Guard, Northfield, 51 men.
2. Sprague Guard, Brandon, 51 men.
3. Rutland Light Guard, Rutland, 51 men.
4. Bradford Light Guard, Bradford, 52 men.
5. Estey Guard, Brattleboro, 58 men.
6. Green Mountain Boys, Burlington, 52 men.
7. Barlow Grays, St. Albans, 51 men.
8. Stewart Guard, Middlebury, 52 men.
9. Ransom Guard, St. Albans, 60 men.
10. Park Guard, Bennington, 51 men; acting as escort.

The Regiment passed through North street to Main, and thence through Main to Camp Stark. Across North street, in front of the residence of Capt. N. O. Wilcox, of the Park Guard, was shown a handsome banner bearing these words, "Welcome to the National Guard of Vermont." The Regiment while marching presented a fine, soldierly appearance, and Col. Peck may well be as proud of the bearing of his "Green Mountain Boys," in this centennial year of Vermont, as was Col. Warner of the valor of his men one hundred years since.

OCCUPATION OF CAMP STARK.

As the white canopied field of Camp Stark came into view, with Mount Anthony's green slopes for a background, the sight was refreshing to the military. An advance guard from each company had pitched the tents and put things in fine order for their comrades, now marching up to camp. On arriving, each company filed off to their quarters and settled down to the realities of muster.

To illustrate the nature of the routine duty and the pleasures of camp life, we will describe the scenes and events of the first twenty-four hours from the arrival of the Regiment.

Before the supper call to "rations" is sounded, details for guard are made up from each company, comprising twenty-two posts, and sixty men which constitute the sentinel rounds

of Camp Stark. The companies having formed in line in their streets, then marched to their mess tents at the rear of the encampment, where instead of the regular salt pork and hard tack, with mother earth's carpet of green for a spread, are found long tables covered by white linen cloths on which all the accompaniments of a well appointed household, such as cutlery, crockery and glassware, with a substantial and bountiful repast, in fact, what the boys term a "square meal," in tempting array, the same being prepared by experienced cooks. The boys "fall in," "eyes front," and "charge," with wonderful effect on the enemy's "line" of provisions, but in perfect order during the movement. Three times daily,—at 7 A. M., 12:30 and 7 o'clock P. M., the tables are made the scene of "festive boards," but unlike the electoral commission, the boys often went behind the "returns" and ordered another "count" of rations to be sent in. The evening shades begin to fall, and the music from Glee Clubs and the Regimental Band make the hours enjoyable until "taps" sound at 10 o'clock; and soon silence reigns, and "all is quiet on the Walloomsac," except the sentinel's cry of "all is well," which tells that military vigils watch the slumbering soldiers.

Sunrise, followed by "Reveille" at 5.30 o'clock, soon brings the stern realities of military duty to the boys in camp; and toilets are made for breakfast, at 7 o'clock, after which, guard mount at 9 A. M., battalion drill at 10 A. M., roll call at 12 M. and dinner at 12.30 o'clock P. M., takes up the morning. For recreation in the afternoon, company drill at 1.30 P. M. battalion drill at 2.30 P. M. and dress parade at 6 o'clock P. M. completes the twenty-four hours of daily camp duty, counting from the hour our *résumé* commenced.

CHAPTER III.

Sunday's Observance at Bennington.—Gov. Fairbanks and Staff on Review, Monday.—The Veterans' Reunion.—Arrival of Col. Hooker's Battalion on Tuesday.—Officers of the Old Soldiers Organization.

THE day was spent in peace and rest at camp, broken only by guard mount in the morning and dress parade at sunset. Morning and evening prayer was observed by the Chaplain, Rev. D. C. Roberts, at his headquarters, and were continued daily through the muster. In the churches of Bennington the services were of a patriotic christian character, no less than eight clergymen preaching at once on war and its glories when waged in the cause of freedom. At St. Peter's, the First Regiment Chaplain took his text from one of the victorious Psalm; at the Second Congregational, Burgoyne's invasion was hardly veiled by a line from Isaiah; at the First Church, the words of the mild St. John headed a sermon preached under the flaunting flags of all nations; at the Methodist, "Liberty" was the theme; at the Baptist, "He is my fortress," was the text; and so the round of the churches was made by the newly aroused spirit of one hundred years ago. It was a fitting opening of the week of reminiscent warfare, like the prayer before battle; and with the red, white and blue in flags and bunting, gracefully draped around the pulpits, and depending from ceilings, with bouquets of choice flowers adding to the beauty of the decorations, the places of worship seemed to preach eloquent sermons in their very appearance. In the afternoon the Chaplain of the regiment held a church service in the large banquet tent near the veterans' camp. The regiment attended in a body. The singing was very fine.

The Chaplain preached an eloquent discourse on "Work and Soldiery." A service of song, or praise meeting, was held at the First Congregational Church afterwards, which was largely attended. The dress parade at six o'clock Sunday evening, drew thousands of spectators to the review ground. The scene was a brilliant one to the assembled multitude, as standing at the lower edge of the green slope, the National Guard were viewed as they came marching from their camp into line, their gray coats and white pants, their banners waving, and gun barrels glistening, with their precision of movement, making a fine display. Thus closed the Sabbath of the Centennial week.

GOVERNOR FAIRBANKS AND STAFF.

His Excellency Horace Fairbanks, Governor and Commander in chief, came to Bennington Saturday, and his staff having arrived on Monday, reviewed the First Regiment in the evening. This formed the most notable event of the second day. The militia made a very creditable appearance, and Col. Peck was complimented by the Governor and staff on the proficiency of his command. The staff were dressed in a fine new uniform of black, with heavy gold trimming.

They comprise the following popular and estimable gentlemen:

Brig. General James S. Peck, Adjutant and Inspector General

Brig. General Levi G. Kingsley, Quartermaster General.

Brig. General Joel H. Lucia, Judge Advocate General.

Henry C. Newell, Surgeon General.

Col. John A. Sheldon, Chief of Staff.

AIDS :

Col. J. J. Estey,	Col. Wm. W. Gront,	Col. A. B. Jewett,
Col. Alvin C. Hubbell,	Col. W. G. Veazey,	Col. W. P. Dillingham,
Col. A. W. Hastings,	Col. Wm. Wells,	Col. Fred E. Smith.
Col. Roswell Farnham,	Col. E. A. Chittenden,	

A. E. Rankin, Secretary Civil and Military Affairs.

In selecting these representative Vermonters for his staff Governor Fairbanks has shown his excellent judgment. The dignity of the office which he so admirably maintained, and the duties of a public character that devolved on the Execu-

tive of the State, was in the one case, well supplemented by the courteous attendance of the staff, and the labor of the other rendered much less onerous by their aid at the Centennial.

The Putnam Phalaux under command of Major F. M. Brown, numbering sixty muskets and twelve musicians, arrived at Bennington Tuesday morning on a special train from Hartford. This famous organization was welcomed by an Artillery salute, and escorted to their quarters at the Yates Seminary in Bennington Centre.

THE VETERANS' REUNION.—COL. HOOKER HEADS THE VAN.

As if to form a connecting link with the past—between the citizen soldiery of 1877, and the minute-man of 1777—the veterans of the late war, they who survive from Gettysburg, from the Wilderness, from Antietam, and from a hundred battle fields, had been called by their commander to assemble on this historic ground for their annual re-union. Camp Ethan Allen, their bivouac, was ready, with its tented field, on Tuesday, for their reception.

The first “boys in blue” to arrive at Bennington, were Colonel George W. Hooker's Windham County veterans, who came marching up to Camp Ethan Allen with banners flying and bands of music playing. They were brown and dust covered by their march over the mountain. “The “story of the march” is as follows:

The Brattleboro Cornet Band struck up a lively air as they led Col. Hooker and his splendidly equipped staff, with a portion of the Windham County veterans' battalion Benningtonward from Brattleboro, at 8½ o'clock Monday morning, in the presence of a vast crowd of Brattleborians. The ladies waved their handkerchiefs, patriotic men displayed flags and everybody proffered an *au revoir*.

The march through Marlboro, Wilmington, Searsburg and Woodford, was made the occasion for a perfect ovation to the old veterans. The entire populace, men and women, old and young, turning out *en masse* to salute and “God speed” the 1861 defenders of firesides and homes.

COLONEL HOOKER'S STAFF

comprised the first representative men of Windham County, as follows:

Colonel D. D. Wheeler, chief of staff; Gen. W. W. Lynde, Maj. Henry R. Chase, H. R. Lawrence, assistant adjutant-generals; Col. N. C. Sawyer, Maj. R. M. Gould, Maj. B. R. Jenne, assistant inspector-generals; C. M. Russel, assistant quartermaster-general; G. H. Babbit, H. K. White, C. F. Estabrook, assistant quartermasters; C. L. Piper, assistant commissary-general; George S. Dowley, H. F. Brooks, Geo. E. Selleck, assistant commissaries; Dr. D. P. Webster, medical director; Dr. Frank Whitman, surgeon; Dr. Walter Mendelson, assistant surgeon; Col. Preston, C. F. West, chief engineers; A. R. Dunklee, engineer; H. E. Taylor, assistant engineer; J. G. Martin, judge advocate; E. L. Waterman, assistant judge advocate-general; Rev. Dr. Horace Burchard, chaplain; S. Wright Bowker, provost-marshal; B. F. Phelps, assistant provost-marshal. Aides: D. S. Pratt, Sr., J. G. Taylor, Richard Lawrence, H. M. Wilder, H. G. Porter, Sem Pierce, J. Washburn Mellendy, Dexter Waite, J. R. Warner, Barney Cannon, Jr., Wales H. Willard, S. W. Bailey, H. M. Currier, C. W. Stewart, D. S. Priest, A. E. Brigham, S. D. Curtis, Barnet S. Waite, Thomas F. Johnson, Wyman Flint, A. H. Fisher, Gilman Warren, C. H. Norton, N. I. Hawley, Henry G. Clark, A. M. McDonald, R. M. Silsby, G. T. Witherell, John Aiken, M. E. Adams, L. N. Sprague, E. E. Dewey, G. K. Russell, A. J. Tucker.

The numerous and distinguished staff of the gallant Colonel was a fitting front for the brave "old vets," who, with perfect step, steady tread, and patriotic ardor promptly followed their file leaders, and, with their attractive outfits, made a fine appearance as they rode at the head of the veteran column, which includes many of "the fighting boys" of old Windham, who are clad in blue shirts, black pants, black hats with white belts, the officers being designated by white shirts, black pants and hat. The Brattleboro, Rockingham, Vernon, Dummerston, Putney, Newfane, Townshend, Wardsboro, Londonderry,

Dover and Wilmington veterans are merged in this grand battalion. They were followed before sundown by other battalions, and soon the camp was fully occupied.

THE VETERANS' OFFICERS.

The organization of the grand division of the old soldiers is as follows, (some changes occurred by resignation and otherwise):

First brigade, Col. A. F. Walker, of Rutland, commander; 1st battalion of Rutland County, J. H. Dyer, of Rutland, commander; 2d battalion, of Bennington County, Willard Holden, of Arlington, commander. Second brigade, Col. F. G. Butterfield, of Saxton's River; 1st battalion, of Windham County, George W. Hooker, of Brattleboro; 2d battalion, of Windsor County, Ora Paul, of Pomfret. Third brigade, Gen. George P. Foster, of Burlington, commander; 1st battalion, of Addison County, A. S. Tracy, of Middlebury; 2d battalion, of Chittenden County, Warren Gibbs, of Burlington; 3d battalion, of Franklin County, Thomas H. Kennedy, of Fairfield; 4th battalion, of Grand Isle County, G. H. Sowles, of Alburg. Fourth brigade, Col. Francis V. Randall, of Montpelier, commander; 1st battalion, of Caledonia County, E. P. Farr, of St. Johnsbury; 2d battalion, of Essex County, E. P. Lee, of Island Pond; 3d battalion, of Lamoille County, C. D. Gates, of Cambridge; 4th battalion, of Orleans County, G. H. Blake, of Barton; 5th battalion, of Orange County, J. B. Mead, of Randolph; 6th battalion, of Washington County, R. J. Coffey, of Montpelier.

CHAPTER IV.

The Centennial Day of Vermont's Independence.—Its Commemoration from Dawn to Noon-Day.—New Hampshire at Bennington, 1777.—The Grand Procession, 1877.—Exercises in the Orators' Pavilion.

THE Declaration of Independence of the United States, in July, 1776, prompted the assembling of the Convention which met at Westminster, Vt., January 15, 1777, and voted that the district of land commonly called and known by the name of the New Hampshire Grants, be a new and separate State, and for the future conduct themselves as such. It is in commemoration of this event that the people, under the auspices of the Bennington Battle Monument Association, joined in a series of public patriotic demonstrations, which commenced on the morning of August 15th, 1877, at Bennington.

Copious showers fell during the night, laying the dust and preparing the streets for the passage of the procession, and the sun being obscured the weather was favorable for the patriotic festivities, which called forth thousands of the fair and hardy daughters of the Green Mountain States. At sunrise, the booming of the cannon of Fuller's Battery awoke the echoes among the surrounding hills, and the church bells rang out a peal of joy. The uniformed militia of Vermont, New Hampshire and Connecticut, and the army of Veterans in Camp Ethan Allen were early astir, and at half past nine marched to the foot of County street, where the procession was formed under the direction of Major A. B. Valentine, of Bennington.

THE PROCESSION.

The formation of the column differed somewhat from the official programme. The duty of escorting the State officials

and other civic dignitaries fell to the First Regiment, N. G. of Vermont, a splendid body of men 700 strong, which presented a fine appearance in their gray and white uniform. Then came the Governor of this State, the Executive Committee of the Bennington Battle Monument Association, and the Vermont Centennial Commission and invited guests in fourteen carriages.

The Second Division was headed by the Putnam Phalanx of Hartford, Conn., in their picturesque uniform of the revolutionary period, followed by the New Hampshire troops, consisting of the Amoskeag Veterans, Major Wallace ; Portsmouth Heavy Artillery, Capt. Vaughn, 45 men ; State Capital Guards of Concord, Capt. Felt, 53 men ; Hinsdale Guards, Capt. Hosford, 35 men ; Manchester War Veterans, Capt. Dodge, 56 men, escorting the State officials of New Hampshire, including Governor Prescott, ex-Governors Harriman and Smyth ; Gen. Natt Head, President of the Senate ; Hon. T. A. Woolson, Speaker of the House ; the Executive Council of New Hampshire, consisting of Hons. J. B. Smith, John M. Parker, Edward Spaulding, Francis A. Cushman and Jeremiah Blodgett ; and State officers of New Hampshire, as follows : A. B. Thompson, Secretary of State ; Solon A. Carter, Treasurer ; the Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, State Historian ; Oliver Pillsbury, Insurance Commissioner ; Mason W. Tappan, Attorney General ; Gen. Ira Cross, Adjutant General ; Dr. Granville P. Conn, Commissioner ; the Rev. C. A. Downs, Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Legislature of New Hampshire, comprising some 150 members ; Col. Charles C. Danforth, Clerk of the House ; A. W. Baker, Assistant Clerk of the House ; and the City Government of Manchester.

The Third Division, under Col. Hooker of Brattleboro, with an imposing staff of mounted officers, was the crowning feature of the procession, composed as it was of the war veterans of Vermont in their every-day attire, rough and ready for duty in the hour of their country's danger. The First Brigade, embracing the southern county battalions, numbered

about 250 men ; the Second, Col. Butterfield, was 300 strong ; the Third, Col. Tracy, from Rutland and Addison counties, 125 men ; and the Fourth, made up of the yeomanry of Washington, Orange, Lamoille, Orleans, Essex and Caledonia counties, 600 strong ; making a total of about 1300 men.

THE PROCESSION MOVES.

At precisely 9.30, the procession, which had been formed upon the various streets near the depot, began the line of march through the beautiful village. Every available seat upon the sidewalks, the house-tops and limbs of trees was occupied by spectators. The waving of flags, the huzzas from the crowd, and the hearty welcome poured from both old and young were acknowledged by the veterans in oft-repeated cheers for the ladies and patriotic decorations. Along School, Main, Silver, Union, South, and other streets, the completed and tasteful displays were almost innumerable. Upon every hand were to be seen flags of all nations, and arches bearing patriotic mottos. The music from the bands playing old-fashioned tunes as the pageant moved along, resounded through the lofty sides of the surrounding mountains.

This was the most imposing procession ever seen in Vermont. It was over three miles in length, numbered at a fair estimate 40,000 people, and was witnessed by 25,000 persons. The noticeable parts of the procession were the creditable marching of the First Regiment, N. G. of Vermont ; the appearance of the Putnam Phalanx, composed of an elderly, solid class of men of Hartford, and the soldierly appearance of the New Hampshire troops and the Vermont Veterans. These latter drew cheer after cheer, and the enthusiasm reached its climax when a body of 300, with banner inscribed "Spunky Lamoille," made its appearance. When the Veterans passed the triumphal arch, hearty cheers were given.

An attractive feature of the procession were the Amoskeag Veterans, who were as enthusiastically cheered by the citizens as were the home troops.

ARRIVAL AT CAMP STARK.

When the head of the column reached the entrance to Camp Stark, an immense throng of people were already there to

welcome it. Gov. Fairbanks, who occupied a landau, drawn by four magnificent bay horses, was welcomed not only by Vermonters, but by those who had come from different and distant points. The barouche conveying Gen. Banks, Hon. Richard Frothingham, Hon. George B. Loring and Hon. W. H. Bingham, was received with loud cheers. Also the barouche conveying Gov. Connor of Maine and Gen. Cilley.

The column halted on arriving at the pavilion tent. The Chief Marshal and staff then escorted His Excellency Horace Fairbanks, Vermont's Centennial Governor, and all distinguished guests, to the places assigned them. The military were then dismissed, and the procession broke up.

EXERCISES AT THE PAVILION.

The orators' tent was nearly filled when the distinguished guests arrived and took their places on the platform. Among the notable men present was the Secretary of State, Hon. Wm. M. Evarts, who came in advance of the Presidential party, from his Windsor residence; Governor Fairbanks; Ex-Governors Hall, Fletcher, Stewart, Smith; Honorables L. P. Poland, E. W. Stoughton; Senators Edmunds and Morrill; Governors Prescott, Connor, Van Zandt; Generals Hawley, Banks and Robinson, with some fifty other prominent men, occupied seats on the platform. Hon. E. J. Phelps, President of the Vermont Centennial Commission and of the day, introduced Rev. Isaac Jennings, of Bennington, who offered the opening prayer in a few well chosen words. President Phelps then made an eloquent and appropriate address of welcome to the invited guests. He stated that the State of Vermont commemorated the one hundredth anniversary of her birth and the happy and prosperous termination of the first century of her existence as an independent State. To-morrow they would signalize one of the most important victories of the Revolution. To-day was devoted to the victories not less renowned—not less fruitful—the victories of peace. [Applause.] To all assembled there, whether as friends or strangers to the distinguished guest, to all the children of Vermont, from near or far, gathered to honor the centennial birthday of their native land,

he was charged to extend a kindly, a courteous, a generous welcome. [Applause.] Richer States might tender more splendid hospitalities, more imposing ceremonies—theirs were plain and simple as befitted the habits of their people. The day was consecrated to the past, sacred to the memories of the men who have laid broad and deep foundations of free institutions. Not only were they there to honor the leaders, but the rank and file, who, unheralded and unknown, gave to the State the best they had. Without their virtue and patriotism the master spirits would have planned and toiled in vain. That noble race have passed away, and some of their immediate descendants were among their welcome guests. The speaker, after paying an eloquent tribute to the valor, patriotism and loyalty of the sons of Vermont, concluded amid enthusiastic plaudits.

MRS. JULIA C. R. DORR'S POEM—VERMONT.

This poem was an admirable production of the gifted Vermont poetess. It was read very finely by Professor J. W. Churchill of Andover. He seemed to breathe the true spirit of the poem in his elocution.

O woman-form, majestic, strong and fair,
Sitting enthroned where in upper air
Thy mountain-peaks in solemn grandeur rise,
Piercing the splendor of the summer skies,—
Vermont! Our mighty mother, crowned to-day
In all the glory of thy hundred years.
If thou dost bid me sing, how can I but obey?
What though the lips may tremble, and the verse
That fain would grandly thy grand deeds rehearse
May trip and falter, and the stammering tongue
Leaves all unrhymed the rhymes that should be sung?
I can but do thy bidding, as is meet,
Bowing in humble homage at thy feet—
Thy royal feet—and if my words are weak,
O crowned One, 'twas thou didst bid me speak!

Yet what is there to say,
Even on this proud day,
This day of days, that hath not oft been said?



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6. Stark House.
7. Post Office.
8. Railroad Station.
9. Gates House.

What song is there to sing
 That hath not oft been sung?
 What laurel can we bring,
 That Ages have not hung
 A thousand times above their glorious dead?
 What crown to crown the living
 Is left us for our giving,
 That is not shaped to other brows
 That wore it long ago?
 Our very vows but echo vows
 Breathed centuries ago!
 Earth has no coral strain,
 No sweet or sad refrain,
 No lofty pæan swelling loud and clear,
 That Virgil did not know,
 Or Dante, wandering slow
 In mystic tances, did not pause to hear!

And yet, —O Earth, thank God! —the soul of song
 Is as immortal as the eternal stars!
 O, trembling heart! take courage and be strong,
 Hark! to a voice from yonder crystal bars:

“ Did the roses blow last June?
 Do the stars still rise and set?
 And over the crests of the mountains
 Are the light clouds floating yet?
 Do the rivers run to the sea
 With a deep resistless flow?
 Do the little birds sing north and south
 As the seasons come and go?

“ Are the hills as fair as of old?
 Are the skies as blue and far?
 Have you lost the pomp of the sunset
 Or the light of the evening star?
 Has the glory gone from the morning?
 Do the wild winds wail no more?
 Is there now no thunder of billows
 Beating the storm-lashed shore?

“ Is Love a forgotten story?
 Is Passion a jester's theme?
 Has Valor thrown down its armor?
 Is Honor an idle dream?

Is there no pure trust in woman ?
 No conquering faith in God ?
 Are there no feet strong to follow
 In the paths the martyrs trod ?

“ Did you find no hero graves
 When your violets bloomed last May—
 Prouder than those of Marathon,
 Or ‘ old Plataea’s day ’ ?
 When your white and red and blue
 On the free winds fluttered out,
 Were there no strong hearts and voices
 To receive it with a shout ?
 Oh ! let the earth grow old !
 And the burning stars grow cold !
 And, if you will, declare man’s story told !
 Yet, pure as faith is pure,
 And sure as death is sure,
 As long as love shall live, shall song endure ! ”

But this—the one that gave thee birth
 A hundred years ago, O beauteous mother !
 This mighty century hath a mightier brother,
 Who from the watching earth
 Passed but last year ! Twin-born indeed were they—
 For what are twelve months to the womb of time
 Pregnant with ages ?—Hand in hand they climbed
 With clear young eyes uplifted to the stars,
 With great strong souls that never stopped for bars,
 Through storm and darkness up to glorious day !
 Each knew the other’s need ; each in his breast
 The subtle tie of closest kin confessed ;
 Counted the other’s honor as his own ;
 Nor feared to sit upon a separate throne ;
 Nor loved each other less when—wondrous fate !—
 One gave a nation life, and one a state !

But what to us are centuries dead,
 And rolling years forever fled,
 Compared with thee, O grand and fair
 Vermont—our Goddess-mother ?
 Strong with the strength of thy verdant hills,
 Fresh with the freshness of mountain rills,
 Pure as the breath of the fragrant pine,
 Glad with the gladness of youth divine,

Serenely thou sittest throned to-day
Where the free winds that round thee play
Rejoice in thy waves of sun-bright hair,

O thou, our glorious mother !
Rejoice in thy beautiful strength and say
Earth holds not such another !

Thou art not old with thy hundred years,
Nor worn with toil, or care, or tears ;
But all the glow of thy summer-time
Is thine to-day in thy glorious prime !
Thy brow is fair as the winter snows,
With a stately calm in its still repose ;

While the breath of the rose the wild bee s'ps
Half mad with joy, cannot eclipse
The marvellous sweetness of thy lips ;
And the deepest blue of the laughing skies
Hides in the depths of thy tearless eyes,
Gazing afar over land and sea
Wherever thy wandering children be !

Fold on fold,
Over thy form of grandest mold,
Floweth thy robe of forest green,
Now light, now dark, in its emerald sheen.
Its brodered hem is of wild flowers rare,
With feathery fern-fronds light as air
Fringing its borders. In thy hair
Sprays of the pink arbutus twine,
And the curling rings of the wild grapevine.
Thy girdle is woven of silver streams ;
Its clasp with the opaline lustre gleams
Of a lake asleep in the sunset beams ;
And, half concealing
And half revealing,
Floats over all a veil of mist
Pale tinted with rose and amethyst !

Rise up, O noble mother of great sons,
Worthy to rank among earth's mightiest ones,
And daughters fair and beautiful and good,
Yet wise and strong in loftiest womanhood—
Rise from thy throne, and standing far and high
Outlined against the blue, adorning sky,
Lift up thy voice, and stretch thy loving hands
In benediction o'er the waiting lands !

Take thou our fealty! at thy feet we bow,
 Glad to renew each oft-repeated vow.
 No costly gifts we bring to thee to-day;
 No votive wreaths upon thy shrine we lay;
 Take thou our hearts, then!—hearts that fain would be
 From this day forth, O goddess, worthier thee!

THE ORATION.

The oration of the day came next. Hon. Daniel C. Roberts, of Burlington, one of Vermont's most distinguished jurists, being the chosen speaker. It was a very able and interesting paper, and was delivered with clear and effective elocution, and frequently applauded. The civil history of the State, from an early day, was traced in a comprehensive manner. As Mr. Roberts' address related almost wholly to past events in Vermont's history, we do not feel that the public desire for this lengthy review of the days of our forefathers would warrant its entire publication in this work, to the exclusion of the record of events and scenes of Centennial week, and as no abstract will do the orator justice, the writer will merely give the closing portion of the paper referring to the not distant past.

Mr. Roberts concluded as follows:—

So if we consider the part taken by Vermonters in the wars which have arisen since the Revolution, it may be claimed of them, that they have not disgraced the memories of the men who took Ticonderoga, and conquered at Bennington. Thus Lake Champlain and Plattsburgh cheered the rush of the Vermont farmers, to repel the British invasion of 1814. So in 1861, the gun fired on Sumter was heard in every hamlet in Vermont. Vermont sent forth to the fray some thirty-four thousand of her sons, and they so fought as to make the name of Vermont and the Vermont Brigade a historic glory, and so died, to the number of five thousand in the shock of battle, as only heroes know how to die. Thus far, in spirit of freedom and self-sacrifice, in patriotic devotion and heroic courage, I note no degeneracy.

From this little hive and nursery of men, how many have gone forth to the West, to the great marts of commerce, and wherever the spirit of adventure has impelled, carrying with them the temper and training of their birthplace, and planting in virgin fields the seed germs they gathered in boyhood upon these mountain sides. This seed of Vermont has bourgeoned into harvests to the enrichment of many states,

and we rejoice to-day to welcome the return of so many of the sons of Vermont, bringing to our festival golden sheaves. One hundred years hence, when Vermont shall celebrate the second centennial year of her life as a State,—when search among the musty papers of the then Vermont Historical Society, to find record of the doings of this first centennial year, shall withdraw from oblivion these poor words which now stir the air,—may they, who shall then gather to look upon the monuments which we now rear as memorials of a heroic age, as they look back over the field of Vermont history for two hundred years, and compare the past with the then present, find a state and people softened by culture, yet true to the spirit of the primeval state and of those who founded it,—a people free, independent, intelligent, industrious, sober, honest, conservative of the good, aggressive towards the wrong, virtuous, religious,—a happy people whose God is the Lord.

After the oration, brief addresses were made by Generals Hawley and Banks, ex-Gov. Harriman of New Hampshire, Gov. Connor of Maine, Gov. Van Zandt of Rhode Island, and others. The literary exercises were interspersed with patriotic instrumental music, finely rendered by the Sherman Band of Winooski, and the Fisherville (N. H.) Band. Letters of regret and declination were read from the Governor-General of Canada, John G. Whittier, Gen. Sheridan, George William Curtis, Rev. Dr. Chapin, and others. It was past noon when the exercises were concluded, and the large assembly dispersed, to greet the Presidential party, who were to honor Vermont by their presence before sundown.

CHAPTER V.

President Hayes and Cabinet Arrive on Vermont's Centennial Day.—A Public Reception at the Walloomsac House in the Evening.—Close of "Vermont Day."

THE visit of President Hayes to Bennington was a perfect ovation, and was in itself an event of sufficient significance to attract thousands from all parts of the State. The coming of the President was eagerly expected, and long before the hour announced for the arrival of the train crowds flocked to the grounds and streets in the vicinity of the depot, requiring the united efforts of the local police, seconded by a detail of soldiers, to restrain the multitude within the prescribed limits.

About half past three the First Regiment, National Guards of Vermont, Col. Peck, and the several companies of New Hampshire militia, the whole forming a brigade, the command of which was given to Gen. J. M. Clough, marched down from Camp Stark with bands playing, the colors flying, and were drawn in line to receive the President. The special train conveying the President's party consisted of one baggage car, and the private palace car, "Vanderbilt," of the President of the New York Central Railroad. At Troy, the President was met by Col. Geo. A. Merrill, of the Vermont Centennial Commission, and Col. Harrington, of Washington, who went down from Bennington in the morning. The train arrived at Hoosac Junction at 2.25, and at this point Adjutant General Peck greeted the President, and in behalf of the Governor welcomed him to the State.

AT NORTH BENNINGTON.

North Bennington was reached at 3.15, and when the train pulled up at the station, there were hundreds of people who came down from distant points back from the railroads to welcome the Chief Magistrate. The train, precisely at three o'clock, crossed the State line and entered Vermont. The President was in good spirits, and felt none the worse for his journey. After the introduction to the President of those who had joined the train at Hoosac Junction, he engaged in general conversation. The boundary line between New York and Vermont was pointed out to him, and the President expressed himself highly gratified that he had once more entered the Green Mountain State to add his presence to that of thousands who had come to pay tribute to the honored dead of the Revolution.

At 3.40, the long whistle of a locomotive announced the approach of the train, and a buzz of excitement ran through the assembled multitude. The train halted in front of the depot, and immediately the President, accompanied by Gov. Fairbanks, stepped out upon the platform and passed directly to an open barouche, drawn by four spirited horses. The appearance of President Hayes was the signal for the outburst of the enthusiasm of the throng, which found vent in repeated and hearty cheers from the male portion, while the ladies waved their handkerchiefs and applauded the distinguished visitor. The troops saluted the President, who rose and with uncovered head acknowledged the greeting. Following the President came Mrs. Hayes and Miss Waite, under escort of Colonels Merrill and Harrington of Washington, Attorney General Devens, Secretary McCrary, Postmaster General Key, Mr. Webb C. Hayes and the other gentlemen accompanying the President, all of whom entered carriages in waiting, which fell into line between the Vermont troops and the New Hampshire militia. The column moved through River, North and Main streets to Bennington Center, and halted in front of the residence of Rev. Mr. Tibbetts, who entertained the President during his stay in Bennington.

RECEPTION OF THE PRESIDENT AT THE WALLOOMSAC HOUSE.

Notwithstanding the rain continued to fall after nightfall, it had no effect to lessen the crowd who were upon the streets, filling the hotels, and visiting the many private residences which were brilliantly illuminated throughout the town ; but the great event of the evening was the reception held by the President in the parlors of the Walloomsac House, near the Mount Anthony Observatory, Bennington Center. Long before nightfall crowds began wending their way toward the hotel. The military detailed as a guard were the Ransom Guards, under the command of Captain John W. Newton, and the New England Guards, Captain Curtis. They were placed in charge of the hotel and its entrances, to keep the crowd from encroaching upon the beautifully adorned grounds, and from filling the parlors, bent upon shaking the hand of the President.

Considerable delay occurred before the arrival of the President and party. Eight o'clock was the hour appointed for the beginning of the reception, but it was nearly nine before the President, accompanied by Governor Fairbanks, arrived. The President immediately took his position in the brilliantly lighted parlors, surrounded by a detail of the National Guard. Col. Harrington, Aid to the President, and Superintendent of Census at Washington, took position beside His Excellency to introduce the callers. The Ransom Guard Battalion Band struck up a lively air, from the outside of the hotel, and the impatient visitors from without were admitted to shake hands with President Hayes. For two hours an almost endless crowd of people, old and young, rich and poor, crippled and infirm, passed before the President, heartily shaking his hand. Secretaries Evarts and McCrary, Postmaster General Key, and Attorney General Devens, arrived somewhat behind time, but took position on the right of the President, and were cordially received by the visitors.


The President and members of the Cabinet present were in apparent good spirits, and were cordially received as they were severally introduced by Col. A. B. Jewett of Gov. Fairbanks' staff. The excellent music by the Ransom Guard Band drew

together a large concourse of people, who applauded upon the conclusion of each selection of music. Fireworks could be seen illuminating the heavens from almost every direction, and at nearly midnight the distinguished visitors left for their abodes, the crowd dispersed, and out of thirty thousand visitors that day ten thousand people slumbered within the precincts of Bennington, while the neighboring towns were full of visitors.

CHAPTER VI.

"THE SECOND BATTLE OF BENNINGTON."

A Glorious Anniversary Day.—Massachusetts Civic and Military Representatives Honor the Occasion.—A Detail Resumé of the Imposing Procession.—A Review by the Presidential Party.—Speeches by the President and Cabinet.

HILE darkness yet shrouded the historic village of Bennington, on the morning of the one hundredth anniversary of the great battle, a distinguished party of civic and military representatives from the old Bay State arrived, by a special train of Pullman cars, at the Centennial grounds. On the 16th of August, 1777, this grand Old Commonwealth was at Bennington also. Three hundred of her sturdy, Berkshire mountain patriots "came up," while the Vermonter's "came down,"—as Sheridan did at Winchester—and drove back the invaders. Massachusetts has a grateful remembrance of that great victory, and, as a substantial token of her patriotism—which has ever been of sterling worth—she has contributed the sum of \$7,500 toward the erection of the proposed monument; and on this memorable day honored, not only Vermont, but herself also, in the presence of her chosen Executive, legislative and military representatives. The distinguished party left Boston on the morning of Wednesday the 15th of August, in a special train for Bennington *via*. Hoosac Tunnel. It was a matter of regret that Gov. Rice was not able to be present, but a fitting representative for his Excellency was had in Lieut. Gov. Knight. The Legislative party numbered some two hundred. The names of this distinguished party will be found in the order of procession, for

the Battle day. As special escort for this occasion, came the celebrated Boston Cadet Corps, with their splendid band of twenty-six pieces, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Thomas F. Edmands. Their history is one to be proud of, dating back to 1741. As the Governor's Body Guard for more than one hundred years, the Boston Cadet Corps are deserving of special mention, not only for their splendid appearance, and perfect drill, but for their gentlemanly deportment as soldiers, and as citizens. Their history from 1741 to August 17th, 1877, we shall give in Part Second of this work.

THE DAWN OF THE BATTLE DAY.

The thunder of artillery reverberated through the valley of the Walloomsac at sunrise. It came from the four British cannon captured one hundred years ago. The New Hampshire troops, now, as then, made known their presence in a very effective manner, the salute being fired by the Portsmouth Artillery Company, Capt. Vaughan. The bells joined their voices to the general expression of patriotism, and soon military and civic bodies were preparing for the "Second Battle of Bennington." The Tibbits Corps of Troy, an organization composed of Veteran soldiers, and a gallant body of men—under Colonel Joseph Egolf, accompanied by Dorings' celebrated Band, arrived early in the day. Tibbets Cadets, a fine junior company of Troy, under Capt. J. H. Patten, also came to do honor to the great day. The Burleigh Corps from Whitehall arrived in time for the grand procession and made a creditable appearance.

Gov. Fairbanks, Chief Magistrate of Vermont, with such of his staff as were convenient, and with other such guests as he chose to invite, with a retinue of carriages fitted for the occasion, drove from their headquarters on the centennial field out to the Mt. Anthony home of the American President to escort him to the old Walloomsac House, in Bennington Center, which is only a few rods away from the Catamount Tavern, where the Battle Monument Association's granite tablet is erected, awaiting the bronze catamount that will ere

long represent the "actual animal" that a century ago bared its teeth towards all the enemies of the "rising State of Vermont."

On the open grounds which make the pleasant little park between the Walloomsac House and the old burial grounds, where heroes and Hessians have slept for a century, side by side, under the shade of Vermont's first church, Col. Peck's full Regiment of the National Guard of Vermont were in line, with arms at "present" to receive the Nation's Executive. There can be no better pageant produced in imagination or in fact than the march of the military escort, accompanied by their distinguished guests, from the historic street of "Old Bennington Hill" down the hillside highway to the village in the Walloomsac valley, where the cavalcade of thousands of soldiers, veterans and citizens were forming, to honor the deeds and the days that had brought them together.

The place of formation for the procession was on the northern line of the village, and along the railroad leading from the north and south, where Chief Marshal Valentine had "massed in divisions" five thousand and more soldiers and citizens, bands, batteries and organizations, on foot, mounted and in carriages, who were to form the grandest cavalcade that ever marched through a New England city or village.

FORMATION OF THE GRAND PROCESSION ON THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF BENNINGTON'S BATTLE, AUGUST 16, 1877.

PLATOON OF POLICE.

A. B. VALENTINE, Chief Marshal.

ASSISTANTS TO THE CHIEF MARSHAL.

Gen. J. N. Patterson of New Hampshire, Col. Isaac F. Kingsbury of Massachusetts.

CHIEF MARSHAL'S STAFF.

Maj. E. N. S. Morgan, Chief of Staff; Col. T. H. Goulding, Adjutant General; Maj. S. H. Brown, Hon. J. S. Martin, H. G. Root, E. L. Roberts, O. B. Lawton, Charles E. Dewey, Barber Chase, J. K. Batchelder, M. B. Morgan, H. B. Baldwin, Col. H. B. Clark, Col. A.

G. Watson, G. Hayden Day, C. R. Sanford, Olin Scott, James White, G. B. Sibley, Capt. H. L. Shields, H. B. Kent, George M. Smith, Park Valentine, Orrin D. Adams, Wm. E. Hawks, C. H. Forbes, H. E. Branford, W. A. Root, Col. A. B. Franklin, J. W. Keebe, E. S. Sibley.

Ransom Guard Band, 24 pieces. First Regiment National Guard of Vermont, Col. T. S. Peck commanding, with a cannon captured from the British in the Battle of Bennington, August 16, 1777, in charge of a detail from Fuller's Battery, National Guard of Vermont, escorting the procession.

Park Guard Band. Park Guard of Bennington, (Company K, First Regiment, National Guard of Vermont,) Capt. N. O. Wilcox commanding, escorting His Excellency Horace Fairbanks, Governor and Commander-in-Chief and Staff. Staff—Brig. Gen. James S. Peck, Adjutant and Inspector General; Brig. Gen. Levi G. Kingsley, Quartermaster General; Brig. Gen. Joel H. Lucia, Judge Advocate General; Henry C. Newell, Surgeon General; Col. John A. Sheldon, Chief of Staff Aides—Col. J. J. Estey, Col. Alvin C. Hubbell, Col. A. W. Hastings, Col. William W. Grout, Col. W. G. Veazey, Col. William Wells, Col. Roswell Farnham, Col. A. B. Jewett, Col. W. P. Dillingham, Col. Frederick E. Smith. A. E. Rankin, Secretary Civil and Military Affairs

Hon. E. J. Phelps, Chairman of the Bennington Centennial Commission and President of the Day. Company of Veteran Soldiers detailed from the Reunion Organization as Special Escort to the President of the United States. Cabinet—Hon. William M. Evarts, Secretary of State; Hon. Charles Devens, Attorney General; Hon. George W. McCrary, Secretary of War; Hon. David M. Key, Postmaster-General.

FIRST DIVISION.

Col. W. G. Veazey, Marshal, commanding. Staff—Major E. J. Ormsbee, Col. M. S. Colburn, Capt. F. A. Morse, Col. K. Hastings, Capt. E. H. Armstrong, Major R. B. Ames. Brandon Cornet Band. Putnam Phalanx Fife and Drum Corps. Putnam Phalanx, of Hartford, Conn., Major F. M. Brown commanding. Hon. Hiland Hall First Vice President Vermont Centennial Commission. The Orator of the Day, President Bartlett of Dartmouth College. The Vice President of the United States. Chief Justice M. R. Waite, United States Supreme Court. Bennington Battle Monument Association. Executive Committee—Hon. A. B. Gardner, A. B. Valentine, A. P. Childs, Charles E. Dewey, Olin Scott. Members of the Association. Vermont Centennial Commission—First Vice President, Hon. Hiland Hall. Executive Committee—Hon. Henry G. Root, Chairman; Hon. M. C. Huling, A. B. Valentine, Hon. George A. Merrill, Hon. C. S. Page, Charles M. Bliss, Secretary. Members of the Commission. United States Senators and Representatives

in Congress. Vice Admiral S. C. Rowan, United States Navy. Governors of States. His Excellency Selden Connor, Governor of Maine. Staff—Brig. Gen. J. P. Cilley, Adjutant General; Brig. Gen. C. W. Tilden, Inspector General; Col. H. N. Small, Assistant Surgeon General; Col. H. H. Burbank, Assistant Judge Advocate; Lieut. Col. J. B. Parks, Assistant Commissary General. Aides-de-Camp—Lieut. Col. F. C. Heath, Lieut. Col. Philo Hersey, Lieut. Col. J. W. Spaulding, Lieut. Col. J. C. Richards. His Excellency Charles C. Van Zandt, Governor of Rhode Island. Staff—Brig. Gen. H. C. Favour, Adjutant General; Col. S. R. Hovey, Chief of Staff. Aides—Col. F. G. Allen, Col. J. P. Sanborn, Col. Charles Potter, Col. George T. French, Col. J. W. Cozzens, Col. A. Prescott Baker. Hon. John Adderman, Secretary of State. His Excellency S. M. Cullom, Governor of Illinois. His Excellency H. M. Matthews, Governor of West Virginia. His Excellency H. L. Ludington, Governor of Wisconsin. His Excellency George F. Drew, Governor of Florida. Governors of other States. Distinguished guests.

SECOND DIVISION.

Col. George W. Hooker, Marshal, commanding. Staff—Col. D. D. Wheeler, Charles Lawrence, Major R. M. Gould, C. M. Russell, C. L. Piper, Dr. D. P. Webster, S. H. Bowker, Horace Birchard, D. D., D. S. Pratt, W. H. Willard, A. Starkey, A. J. Tucker, A. H. Fisher, A. E. Bingham, Gen. W. W. Lynde, Col. N. C. Sawyer, Major B. R. Jenne, G. H. Babbitt, H. F. Brooks, Capt. H. E. Taylor, B. F. Phelps, G. E. Sellick, R. M. Silsby, N. D. Hawley, Gilman Warren, C. F. Etabrook, A. R. Ducklee, G. T. Witherell.

Veteran Soldiers' Reunion. Col. James H. Walbridge commanding, and Staff. Sherman Band. Fourth Brigade, Col. F. V. Randall commanding, and Staff. Guests of the Reunion. State Government of Vermont. Executive Department—His Honor Redfield Proctor, Lieutenant-Governor; Hon. George Nichols, Secretary of State; Hon. John A. Page, Treasurer; Hon. Jed P. Ladd, Auditor. The State Judiciary—Hon. John Pierrepont, Chief Justice; Hon. James Barrett, Hon. Homer E. Royce, Hon. Timothy P. Redfield, Hon. Jonathan Ross, Hon. H. Henry Powers, Hon. Walter C. Dunton, Justices. The Senate of Vermont—Hon. William W. Grout, President pro tem.; F. W. Baldwin, Secretary. The House of Representatives—Hon. John W. Stewart, Speaker; George R. Chapman Clerk. Ex-Governors of Vermont. Other Civic and Military Organizations of Vermont, Bennington Fire Department.

THIRD DIVISION.

Gen. W. W. Henry, Marshal, commanding. Staff—Major P. Farr, Chief of Staff; James B. Scully, George Austin, A. Austin, Buel J. Derby. Manchester Cornet Band. Amoskeag Veterans of Man-

chester, N. H., Major A. C. Wallace commanding, escorting His Excellency B. F. Prescott, Governor of New Hampshire. Staff—Col. Solon A. Carter, Chief of Staff; Col. B. W. Hoyt, Col. John Bracewell, Col. George L. Ordway, Col. A. W. Quint, Col. M. A. Hayes, Col. Charles A. Gillis, Col. J. E. Pecker, Col. George H. Stowell, Col. Charles H. Greenleaf, Col. Ossian Ray. Executive Council—Hon. J. B. Smith, Hon. John M. Parker, Hon. Edward Spaulding, Hon. Francis A. Cushman, Hon. Jeremiah Blodgett. State Officers—Hon. A. B. Thompson, Secretary of State; Solon A. Carter, Treasurer; Rev. Nathaniel Boutin, State Historian; Hon. Oliver Pillsbury, Insurance Commissioner; Mason W. Tappan, Attorney General; Gen. Ira Cross, Adjutant General; Dr. Granville P. Conn, Commissioner; Rev. C. A. Downs, Superintendent of Public Instruction; President of the Senate, Hon. Nath Head; Speaker of the House, Hon. A. A. Woolson. Legislature of New Hampshire—Col. Charles J. Danforth, Clerk of the House; A. W. Baker, Assistant Clerk of House. Manchester War Veterans of New Hampshire Militia, Capt. George H. Dodge, escorting City Government of Manchester, N. H.; Hon. Ira Cross, Mayor; Nathan P. Kidder, City Clerk; Hon. H. R. Chamberlain, City Treasurer; Hon. John M. Stanton, President of Common Council. Brown's Band. Battalion of New Hampshire Militia. Col. D. M. White commanding. Manchester War Veterans, Company I, First Regiment, Capt. George H. Dodge commanding; Portsmouth Heavy Artillery, Company K, First Regiment, Capt. D. J. Vaughan commanding; Gov. Cheney Guards, Peterboro', Company B, First Regiment, Capt. J. F. Moore commanding; Strafford Guards, Dover, Company A, Second Regiment, Capt. J. S. Abbott commanding; Hildale Guards, Company C, Second Regiment, Capt. Horace Hosford commanding; State Capital Guard. Concord, Company K, Second Regiment, Capt. George M. Felt commanding; Commissioned Officers New Hampshire State Militia.

FOURTH DIVISION.

Col. John E. Pratt, Marshal, commanding. Staff—Capt. E. C. Houghton, Capt. A. G. Potter, H. S. Bingham, J. V. Hupf, Andrew Keyes, Fred Pratt. Boston Cadet Band, 26 pieces, J. C. Mullaly, Band Master. First Corps of Cadets, Lieut. Col. Thomas F. Edmands commanding, escorting His Excellency Alexander H. Rice, Governor of Massachusetts. Staff—Major Gen. James A. Cunningham, Adjutant General; Col. J. F. Kingsbury, Assistant Adjutant General; Col. C. Frank Luther, Assistant Adjutant General; Col. John H. Rice, Assistant Adjutant General; Brig. Gen. O. G. Atwood, Inspector General; Col. E. G. Stevens, Assistant Inspector General; Lieut. Col. A. H. Rice, Assistant Inspector General; Lieut. Col. F. Mason, Assistant Inspector General; Col. Henry G. Parker,

Assistant Quartermaster General; Brig. Gen. Wilmar W. Blackmar, Judge Advocate General; Brig. Gen. William J. Dale, Surgeon General; Col. John B. Treadwell, Assistant Surgeon General, Aides—Col. Wm. V. Hutchings, Col. Arthur T. Lyman, Col. Wm. A. Forier, Col. Wm. P. Alexander; Col. George H. Campbell, Military Secretary. His Honor Horatio G. Knight, Lieutenant Governor. Council—Hon. George Whitney, Hon. Joseph K. Baker, Hon. Harrison Tweed, Hon. J. A. Harwood, Hon. William C. Plunkett, Hon. Hugh Poland, Hon. William Cogswell, Hon. Francis Childs. Hon. Henry B. Pierce, Secretary of State; Hon. Charles Endicott, Treasurer and Receiver General; Hon. Julius L. Clark, Auditor of Accounts. Sergeant-at-Arms, O. F. Mitchell. The Legislature of Massachusetts. President of the Senate, Hon. J. B. D. Cogswell; Clerk of the Senate, S. N. Gifford; Speaker of the House, Hon. John D. Long; Clerk of the House, George A. Marsden.

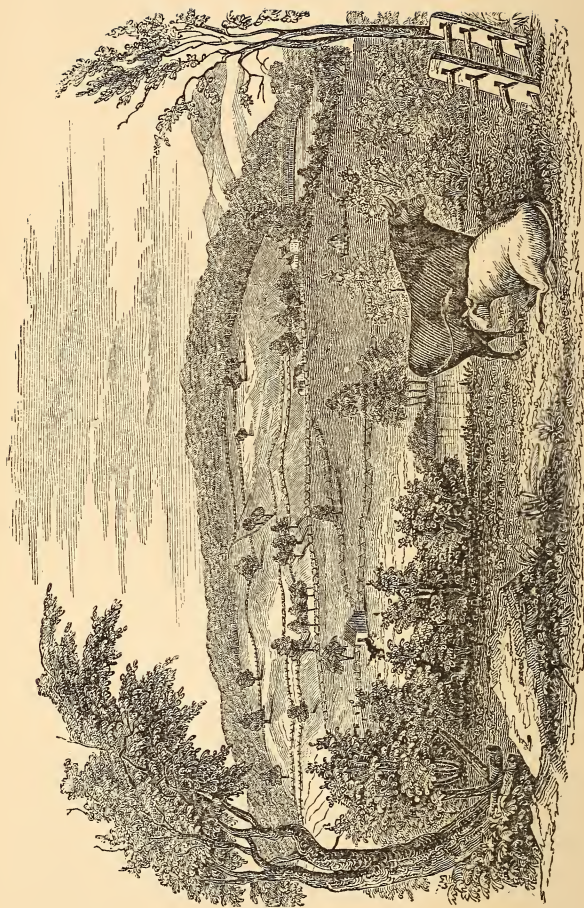
FIFTH DIVISION.

Col. L. K. Fuller, Marshal, commanding. Staff—Major H. B. Chase, Chief of Staff; Capt. R. B. Mes, G. S. Dowley, Capt. S. H. Kelley, R. M. Luther, G. C. Noble, J. G. Martin, R. C. Mitchell, A. R. Dunklee. Doring's Band, of Troy, N. Y. Tibbett's Corps, N. G. S. N. Y., Col. Egoipn Commander. Tibbett's Cadets, 7th Company, N. G. S. N. Y., Capt. J. H. Potter commanding. Fuller Battery, N. G. of Vermont, Lieut. Charles R. Briggs commanding

ALONG THE LINE OF MARCH.

From the depot the procession commenced its triumphal march through Bennington's main street. Over the street the festoonery of flags of every description, triumphant arches, mottoes of welcome and the emblazonment of gorgeous and patriotic display met the marching thousands along its whole length. Nearly every house was decorated; every portico and verandah was filled with welcoming guests, scattering bouquets and waving handkerchiefs, innumerable flags and hearty cheers, expressed the joy and good cheer that prevailed everywhere and with everybody.

The President and accompanying members of his Cabinet formed the principal feature of interest in the column. The President's reception in Vermont, and his ride in the procession partook of the nature of a triumph. The enthusiasm ran wild, and deafening cheers from the assembled thousands greeted him in a continuous roll along the entire route. Sec-



BATTLE GROUND, BENNINGTON.

retary Evarts and his accompanying associates also created much enthusiasm, and acknowledged the salutes of the people by riding uncovered and bowing. At one point several rich bouquets were thrown into the carriage in which President Hayes rode with Gov. Horace Fairbanks of Vermont. The President acknowledged the tributes of applause to him by a slight inclination of the head. He did not appear to desire to encourage exuberant manifestations by frequent and conspicuous bowing. As in yesterday's procession, the crowd was thickest at the grand Arch. At this point the cheers were most deafening. There was a slight delay on Main-st., of which several persons availed themselves to rush up to the President's carriage and shake hands. One of these, a prominent local politician, remarked, "I like you personally, Mr. President, but darn your policy." Mr. Hayes good-humoredly replied: "Come, now, no politics to-day." At all points along the route, there was a profuse waving of handkerchiefs by ladies.

Among the Governors of New-England who were recognized by the people were those who spoke yesterday; also Gov. Prescott of New-Hampshire, and Lieut. Gov. Knight of Massachusetts. The Legislature of Vermont and New-Hampshire walked the entire distance traversed by the procession. This fact called out many reminiscences concerning the men who came on foot to the same spot, a hundred years ago, and aided by the Berkshire County men of Massachusetts, went to the battle of Bennington. Nothing seemed to please the people so much as the march of the Vermont and New-Hampshire veterans.

There were 3,000 of them in line to-day, and as each company passed the triumphal arch the people raised their hats. Col. George W. Hooker riding at the head of the Windham County battalion, and Col. F. V. Randall in command of "Spunky Lamoille" veterans drew attention second only to the Presidential party. Many distinguished officers in the service during the Rebellion were recognized and loudly applauded as they passed by.

A great attraction of the day's procession was the six pound cannon, two in number, captured from the British by Gen. Stark. They were guarded by a dismounted detachment of the Portsmouth, N. H., Heavy Artillery. The Putnam Phalanx, as yesterday, presented a fine appearance. The Boston Cadets and Tibbits Corps, from Troy, N. Y., were warmly received along the line of march. The Tibbits Corps Cadets, a junior volunteer organization of Troy, dressed in a uniform of blue trousers and white coats, added much to the attractiveness of the occasion. Vermont's war Governor, John Gregory Smith, and Luke P. Poland of this State, were recognized by the people and greeted with hearty cheers.

REVIEW BY PRESIDENT HAYES AND CABINET.

When the procession arrived at the Centennial field, it passed in review before the President, Mrs. Hayes and the Cabinet. The President welcomed the procession with brief remarks, in which he congratulated the state of Vermont upon the felicitous beginning and progress of this centennial occasion, and referred to the evident interest taken in her one hundredth anniversary of two prominent events by the visiting officials of sister states, the military and the thousands present, Mr. Hayes finished his remarks by introducing the Postmaster-General as follows: "We have been told that there should be in essentials unity, in all things charity. I will introduce to you Postmaster-General Key of Tennessee."

Mr. Key spoke as follows: "I came here to see, and not to be seen; to learn, and not to teach. I can remember no more gratifying thought than that the historian's record says that, in that great struggle which we to-day revere, Washington and Allen and Warner were from different parts of the country. I thank you."

President Hayes then introduced Secretary of War McCrary, who said: "The day is calculated to impress upon me the greatness and grandness of a great nation. A land in which I may travel one thousand miles, and yet be among my countrymen—fellow-countrymen of a great nation, who all look upon one flag, support one constitution, all love one

great Union. (Voice in the crowd, "That's it.") Let us improve the occasion, since we know that to defend the liberty, the constitution and the Union of what is now this great nation was the purpose for which those, whose immortal memory we now revere, fought. I am fortunate in being permitted to make my first visit to Vermont to-day, a day which is interesting not only to all Vermont but all the United States. No one, let me hope, has forgotten the events which happened in these hallowed grounds one hundred years ago."


Mr. Hayes again said: "Nothing sure one hundred years ago is remembered more freshly to-day than the speech of John Stark to his men. Every American knows it, and your school-boys can repeat it. The Molly Starks of those days were not here. We are more forward. Our Molly Starks are here! We have with us to-day a grand-daughter and two great-grand-daughters of that immortal general." Mr. Hayes then brought the three ladies to the front.

Mr. Evarts then spoke: "The President has said," began he, "that the men of those days were less fortunate than the men of to-day. The men to-day have brought their wives with them. Allow me the honor and you the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Hayes." Mrs. Hayes stepped forward, holding a nosegay in her left hand. Some gamins down in front shouted, "Trot out the boy."

Secretary McCrary then introduced Mrs. Hayes very happily as President Hayes' Molly Stark, which was seconded by Secretary Evarts.

CHAPTER VII.

*The Battle Day at the Orators' and Banquet Pavilions.—
Speeches, Poems, and Patriotic Exercises.—Banquet Toasts
and Responses.*

HEN President Hayes entered the orators' tent he, also Mrs. Hayes, was greeted with enthusiasm by the thousands who had gathered therein, as well as by the large number of greater or lesser personages upon the orators' platform. Mrs. Hayes was plainly clad, her hair plainly dressed, and she could easily have been mistaken for some farmer's wife, blessed with good looks, sense, and beautiful teeth. The venerable Rev. Allen, of North Woodstock, Conn., grandson of fighting Parson Allen, opened the exercises with an appropriate prayer, when Gov. Fairbanks delivered the following brief and cordial address of welcome :

Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen:—It is well, and we are glad, that this memorable occasion should be honored by the presence of citizens and the chief executive officers of so many of our States, and especially by the President of the United States and his Cabinet. The heroic deeds of 100 years ago were not done to achieve the independence or liberty of any one colony or State, but to achieve the liberties of America. Fellow-citizens of this great republic, and patriot soldiers, lovers of human rights and liberty, in the name of the State of Vermont, I bid you a most hearty and cordial welcome to these commemorative services and hallowed associations. Well will it be if from them we catch and carry away in some measure the same patriotic devotion to all freedom which inspired those brilliant heroes on yonder battlefield 100 years ago.

PRESIDENT S. C. BARTLETT, OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, was then introduced as orator of the day. His address was spirited, interesting, and in passages eloquent. It was historically valuable, and we would be glad to give the address

in full, but as this, with Mr. Roberts' oration will be published in official form by the Battle Monument Association, the writer does not deem it essential to a comprehensive history of Centennial week to reproduce the same in this work. But the closing portion of the oration so appropriately referred to the honored Chief Magistrate present, Rutherford B. Hayes, President of the whole country, and voiced the sentiments of the assembled thousands so admirably, that we give it herewith. Prof. Bartlett said :

We celebrate to-day the valor that achieved our liberties without a thought of bitterness towards those from whom we inherited and from whom we wrested them—very Britons from very Britons. And let us rejoice that these centennial commemorations have come in to throw a veil over the later and bloodier wounds, that Concord and Bunker Hill and Bennington are superimposed upon Antietam and Gettysburg and Wilderness. It is well that bygones should at length be bygones. I am one of those who thought that, for their slaughter of a million lives and their assaults upon the nation's life, a dozen chief criminals should have been hung between the heavens and the earth, but it was not so done. Another policy prevailed. This mighty nation of nations of the earth could pardon and yet live. The cup was full of bitterness, but we drank it down, and now we may throw away the dregs, for southern soldiers have strewn their flowers on the graves of their northern conquerors, and the southern governor of South Carolina has pledged protection to the liberated slaves. As in 1777 the tide of battle turned, so in '877 at length has turned the tide of peace. This year, for the first time in our national history, the work of our earlier and later wars is accomplished. We dwell at last in a real and homogeneous Union of free commonwealths. It is one harmonious republic, where no sovereign state is joined to its fellows by federal bayonets, and no fugitive for liberty is remanded by federal courts to his chains; but American citizens, free everywhere, free to govern themselves, we look hopefully down the broad vista of peace and prosperity. What tongue dare foreshadow the tale which, if God will, shall be told here one hundred years hence?

All honor to the brave and honest chief magistrate, who, after a decade of fruitless experiments and smoldering strife, had the good manhood to break away from all narrow and partisan restraints, cast himself upon the sound sense and Christian sentiment of the American people, and lead off the new order of centuries; and let the East and the West and the North and the South say, Amen and amen.

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT'S POEM.

On this fair valley's verdant breast
The calm sweet rays of summer's rest,
And dove-like peace benignly broods
On its smooth lawns and solemn woods.

A century since, in flame and smoke,
The storm of battle o'er it broke,
And, ere the invader turned and fled,
These pleasant fields were strown with dead.

Stark, quick to act and bold to dare,
And Warner's mountain band were there,
And Allen, who had flung the pen
Aside to lead the Berkshire men.

With fiery onset, blow on blow,
They rushed upon the embattled foe,
And swept his squadrons from the vale
Like leaves before the autumn gale.

Oh, never may the purple stain
Of combat blot these fields again,
Nor this fair valley ever cease
To wear the placid smile of peace.

Yet here beside that battlefield,
We plight the vow that ere we yield
The rights for which our fathers bled,
Our blood shall steep the ground we tread.

And men shall hold the memory dear
Of those who fought for freedom here,
And guard the heritage they won
While these green hillsides greet the sun.

This fine production of the venerable poet was read by Professor Churchill, of Andover, in a very acceptable manner.

President Hayes was loudly called for, and spoke as follows;

PRESIDENT HAYES' REMARKS.

Ladies and fellow-citizens: I need not say to you that I am grateful for this greeting. I am greatly obliged to those who had charge of this celebration for their courtesy in giving me opportunity to enjoy with them the ceremonies of this day.

I am quite sure none of us forget the occurrence of so notable an event as the battle of Bennington, so great an event toward the Nation's independence. I am sure we feel it has been fitly celebrated to-day. Only think of the procession that we beheld an hour or two ago—citizen soldiers so disciplined,—soldiers from Vermont, from Connecticut, from Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, were here. But more touching than all in the procession were the Veterans of the union army, survivors of the 1,200 battles that saved the nation and made liberty throughout the world forever possible. (Applause) and what eye was not dimmed as we saw proudly marching with his comrades that maimed soldier walking with his crutch. But, my dear friends, I must not detain you. I recognize that among the pages of speech to which we have listened, packed full as each page was with interesting matter touching on great events of one hundred years ago, that no one page in it was more valuable than this, and one hundred years ago it was meritorious to be a minute man to fight in the cause of independence. Is there not some merit in my becoming a minute man? (Applause).

At the close of the President's speech, Secretary Evarts was called for and said:

"It is fair to say that I should warn you that though I am very slow to begin a speech I am much slower to end it, and I know your only safety is in my retiring before I commence.

Postmaster-General Key was next called and said:

"This call is a grateful one to me but I do not accept it as a personal compliment, but as an indication of fraternal feeling on the part of our Northern friends, to their erring Southern brethren. (Applause.)

Attorney-General Devens also spoke briefly.

Secretary McCrary was called for, but had left the tent. E. W. Stoughton of New York, was then called for, but said he was not a member of the cabinet. Gen. Banks was called for, and Mrs. Hayes, but the President stated that it was long past the time for the banquet and they did not respond.

The exercises in the orators' tent closed by singing a patriotic hymn composed by Mrs. Marie Mason. President Phelps then invited the distinguished guests and others desirous of being present to assemble in the banquet tent.

THE BANQUET AND SPEECHES.

The banquet was a superb affair. Plates were laid under a series of tents in the form of a Greek cross for 3500 persons. The tables were loaded with substantial food, fruits and other delicacies, and ornamented with bouquets of brilliant flowers. The master of ceremonies and the most distinguished guests were seated near the centre of the banquet pavilion, near which were placed others who were invited and the representatives of the press. The hall was decorated with flags and bunting, and above the Presidential party was spread a huge American ensign. The party entered at 3.25 and immediately took seats, the President and friends being placed together. Mrs. Hayes was attended by Gov. Van Zandt of Rhode Island, and Mrs. Governor Fairbanks was escorted by the President. The supply was most abundant and the variety satisfactory. The tables were waited upon by young ladies whose badge of office was a tasty ribbon on which was inscribed "Mollie Stark."

President Phelps then said:—

We are celebrating the anniversary of a great victory over the troops of Great Britain, but we can rejoice in the fact that for more than sixty-five years peace has reigned between us and the mother country. Long may it continue. England is no foreign land. It is the birthplace of our ancestors. It is the soil on which grew up together our language, our law, our principles of civil liberty. I am happy to state that courteous and gratifying correspondence has taken place in reference to this celebration, between Gov. Fairbanks and that excellent nobleman, Lord Dufferin, Governor General of Canada, who was invited to be present on this occasion. He writes to say that if it were not that his duties called him West, he would have been happy to have responded appropriately in his official capacity.

Mr. Phelps then read a letter from Lord Dufferin, excusing himself from attendance. Mr. Phelps continued:

We should fall short of the true spirit of this day if we forgot to mention with all honors that illustrious lady, who through so many

years of blameless life has been more than Queen of Great Britain; because she has been Queen in all the virtues, and Queen in the hearts of all her people. I therefore propose the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Victoria, Queen of Great Britain. God bless her!

The band then played the English national anthem. Mr. Phelps then called upon the Hon. William M. Evarts, referring to him as a gentleman whom the profession of the law, in which he had been so long foremost, had only lent, not given to the government, and expressed the hope that when he returned again to the circle of his professional brethren, he would feel as he did when he returned to Vermont, that "where ever we wander there's no place like home."

Mr. Evarts said:

I believe, Mr. Pres'dent, that had Queen Victoria been on the throne, instead of George the Third, or if we had postponed our rebellion until Queen Victoria reigned, it would not have been necessary, and if there had been any rebellion at all, it would have been on the part of England. The American Union is proof against all social, foreign and civil strife. Let me also add that, if neither political nor military power can burst this Union, neither can society. It is the people that is absolutely free now, and absolutely equal now. It is the people that knows its rights and that will protect them from all invasion of the hostile foe and jealousy of hatred, and the wrath of this people, with its thunderbolts, shall strike in the name of the whole people.

Mr. Evarts closed his speech by referring to the fact that had been brought to the notice of the people by a distinguished writer (Artemus Ward,) who had declared himself willing to sacrifice on the altar of his country all his wife's relations, but John Stark went farther than that, and declared himself willing to sacrifice his wife's husband. (Laughter.)

Gov. Prescott, of New Hampshire, spoke at length, alluding to the part his State had in the revolution, the war of 1812 and the rebellion, and closed by saying: "New Hampshire is represented here to-day by our soldiers and citizens, who have come hither to join with you in this peaceful demonstration. New Hampshire will, in the future as in the past, be ready with you to defend the cause of liberty. We come with full numbers and warm hearts to this centennial occasion, in response to your courteous invitation."

Hon. E. W. Stoughton, of New York said, if the men who fought Bennington battle could have looked forward to this day, and have seen themselves enthroned in the affections of forty millions of people, they would have felt that all the sacrifices, all the slain, all that went to secure a victory that was dear to them upon that field, was well repaid by this day.

Gov. Fairbanks, in a few words, extended a cordial welcome to all the guests, in the name of the people of Vermont.

Senator Edmunds said, to be the founder of a State is perhaps the greatest glory that can fall to a man. There may be somewhere great heroes, there may be somewhere great priests and apostles, but the greatest homage is due to those who have founded free and independent States.

Postmaster General Key said he felt very grateful for the generous reception he had received. The same spirit of patriotism which one hundred years ago inspired alike the men of the North and of the South, now extends alike to all sections of our country, and I hope that when my friend, Senator Edmunds, and you, Mr. President, meet at the next great centennial, that we shall find all over this broad country the same spirit of amity that now exists.

Attorney General Devens spoke in a historical vein. In closing he said, that, aside from the lesson of patriotism, there is another lesson to be drawn, and that is that in a free government those who undertake to do anything have to rely mostly on themselves. Every country which has a ruling class does its whole duty, and if in this country we assume the people to be the ruling class, and assert and maintain everywhere our rights, we must attend to that duty.

Mr. Phelps then said that, in the absence of the Treasurer of the United States, who was probably, like the king in the nursery song, "busy counting out his money," and getting ready for specie payment, he would call upon one who was fit to be treasurer, Senator Justin S. Morrill, and the latter responded in a brief speech, saying:—

I have always pitied anybody who was so unfortunate as not to be born in Vermont, and especially not having a share in Benning-

ton battle. I trust that we shall all rally to every call as to the sound of the trumpet which calls us to commemorate these virtues of the people of our States.

Speeches were afterward made by Thomas Allen, of St. Louis, Lieut.-Gov. Knight, of Massachusetts, who expressed his regret at the absence of Gov. Rice, and spoke a good word on behalf of his State, and President Bartlett, of Dartmouth College. The exercises of the banquet were closed by the rendering of a volunteer poem, entitled, "Parson Allen's Ride," by Wallace Bruce, of Poughkeepsie.

Before the after dinner talk was concluded, the President and party were obliged to leave for Rutland. He was escorted to the train by the Putnam Phalanx, and Doring's Band of Troy. Fully 5000 people were at the depot to witness the departure, and in response to calls for a speech, the President briefly returned his thanks for the hearty reception given him. Amid cheers from the crowd, and music by the band, the presidential train left for Rutland.

Among the letters read were notes of regret from Lord Dufferin, Gen. Sheridan, John G. Whittier; Governors Hubbard of Texas, Miller of Arkansas, Colquitt of Georgia, Porter of Tennessee, Matthews of West Virginia, McCrary of Kentucky, Stone of Mississippi, Williams of Indiana, and Vance of North Carolina; Ralph Waldo Emerson, Rev. E. H. Chapin, Stanley Matthews, Bishop DeGoesbriand, Gen. Garfield of Ohio, George William Curtis, Gen. Joseph E. Johnston of Virginia, and some twenty-five others, including Miss Sallie Babson of Boston, a grand-daughter of Gen. Stark.

It was past six o'clock when the banquet exercises concluded. The admirable manner in which President Phelps presided at the exercises in the orators' tent, and as master of ceremonies at the grand banquet, received a very complimentary recognition from President Hayes, who said that Mr. Phelps excelled in dignity, grace, culture and admirable wit any presiding officer he had ever met. President Hayes only spoke the sentiments of every Vermonter, and of the thousands from every State, who saw and listened to this able and graceful gentleman during the Centennial doings.

THE EVENING OF THE BATTLE DAY.

After the Banquet was over, the Boston Cadet Corps, Col. Thomas F. Edmands, commanding—held a dress parade on the review grounds. This splendid organization presented a fine appearance in white coats and blue pants, and their excellent drilling and precision of movement was admired by thousands who witnessed the parade. At an early hour, as soon as the dusk of night favored, Camps Ethan Allen and Stark were illuminated by fires and torchlights, interspersed with thousands of Chinese lanterns, calcium lights, transparencies, etc., etc. Especially noticeable among the many organization displays, the camps of the Veterans, Fuller's Battery, the Estey, Park, and Ransom Guard, were made attractive and brilliant in the extreme. Hooker's headquarters were the object of universal admiration. In addition the 550 Chinese lanterns, pyramids of light, rockets, and the brilliant and choice display of transparencies, of which the following is a partial list, were the especially admired features of the camp illuminations. Directly in front of the officer's tents and parallel with the color lines, the triangular transparencies stretching to the farthest camp location, were the likenesses of Washington, Lincoln, Grant, Hayes, Stark, Ethan Allen, Evarts, Devens, Custar, Sedgwick, Sheridan, Sherman, Generals Baldy Smith, and Brooks.

The evening was a very brilliant one in Bennington village; nearly every house was illuminated with Chinese lanterns, transparencies and various other patriotic devices. The residences were all thrown open, displaying homes of taste and elegance which were made doubly attractive by the fair daughters in holiday dress, that by their presence added beauty to the scene. As the torchlight procession of the brave boys in blue moved through the streets, nearly one thousand strong, with bands of music playing, with significant mottoes emblazoned on the standards they carried, they were received with cheers, and a display of fireworks "all along the line."

CHAPTER VIII.

*After the Battle Day.—Close of the National Guard's Muster.
—The Central Vermont R. R. Centennial Management.—
The "Press" at Bennington.—In Conclusion.*

THE midnight hour that was proclaimed by the church tower clock, and which told that the battle Anniversary was now of the historical past, did not put a quietus on the patriotic citizen or soldier. Illuminations and fireworks greeted the early dawn of Friday, as if protesting against the innovation of another day on a great Anniversary occasion which had been so proud an one for Vermont; so replete with National historic associations, and so fittingly and successfully commemorated during the past twenty-four hours. During the night and early morning, the Veterans broke camp, Colonel Hooker and his fine Battalion of Windham County boys, being among the first to take up the line of march for "the seat of peace" at Brattleboro.

At Camp Stark the usual routine of duties was observed up to eleven o'clock, when Fuller's Light Battery was reviewed by the Governor and staff. The line was formed fronting North, and at the word of command the men broke into column of platoons and marched in review by the Governor and staff; officers and men presented a very fine appearance and the Governor expressed the liveliest satisfaction with the Battery, both at the review and at the subsequent inspection of quarters. After the review the command went through various military evolutions, closing with an exhibition of very rapid firing by the battery. The battery left for home at noon. At 2 P. M. took place the annual review and inspection of the 1st Regiment, National Guards of Vermont,

Col. Peck commanding, by Governor Fairbanks and staff. Col. Peck and his command went through the military movements incident to the ceremony of inspection and review with great accuracy and skill, and was highly complimented by the Governor on the increasing excellence the regiment was attaining year after year under his management and control. At the conclusion of the review the regiment held their daily dress parade before the Governor. It has never been our fortune to witness a finer dress-parade than their final one of Friday evening. Nearly every company was loudly applauded in going through the manual, by a great concourse of people.

The regiment was paid by Quartermaster General L. G. Kingsley of Rutland, receiving \$2.00 each per day for the entire eight days service. Companies "F," "I" and "G" broke camp at an early hour Saturday so as to hit the morning train to their homes; the rest of the regiment left on a special train at 10 A. M.

THE CENTRAL VERMONT RAILROAD MANAGEMENT, AND THEIR CENTENNIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The history of Vermont's Centennial would be very incomplete without the recognition and worthy mention of the Central Vermont Railroad Management, which contributed more to make the week's celebration at Bennington the very successful one it was, than all else combined. This Railroad Company, employing as it does 3000 men, and having 600 miles of rail extending throughout this and neighboring States; with a splendid passenger equipment of 125 cars, and the same number of fine engines; with commodious depots, and courteous officials and faithful servants, all having in view the safety and comfort of the traveling public, has justly earned for itself the reputation of being a first-class road. Early in the season the management commenced their preparations for Centennial Week. The rolling stock of the road was put in the best condition, additional sidings were laid at Bennington, some 150 extra passenger cars were secured from the various roads in New England; tickets were placed at less

than half fare rates to Bennington and return, and every provision for the transportation and accommodation of a multitude was made by the Company. An account of the additional facilities required for this special occasion is of much interest in this connection. A special time table, with a schedule of 64 trains, was issued for the Harlem Extension Division, for the four days from the 14th to the 17th of August. Special details of men were made up for this extra work. From Mr. Foss' department, 40 engineers and firemen and 20 repair men were required. From Mr. F. W. Baldwin's freight department, 24 men were furnished, with 28 others from Mr. Rollo's passenger department, who served as conductors and brakemen on extra centennial trains during these four days. Gen. Supt. Hobart; Supt. of R. S. & M., Mr Foss; Gen. Passenger Agent, S. W. Cummings, Esq.; Supt. of Telegraph, Mr. McGiff; Gen. Baggage Agent, D. McKenzie, who acted as train despatcher, each gave their personal and undivided attention to the duties of their respective positions at Bennington. The movement and detention of the numerous trains was directed day and night personally by Messrs. Hobart and Foss at the Bennington station. On their return from the railroad campaign at Bennington, they issued the following circular, recognizing in a very fitting manner the arduous and faithful services rendered by the officers and men under their command:

CENTRAL VERMONT RAILROAD, }
 GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, }
 St. Albans, Vt., August 20, 1877.

We take this method of expressing our gratitude to the employes who were present and aided in the preparation and movement of trains on the occasion of the Centennial Celebration at Bennington, Vt., August 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th. Such energy and skill, with strict adherence to their positions almost constantly for four days and nights, cool and steady—clear headed, and a total absence of anything like profanity or ungentlemanly conduct, it has never before been our lot to observe. Men from all the Divisions are equally entitled to credit. Especial mention, however, should be made of Mr. McGiff, Train Despatcher, and Mr. McKenzie, Train Master, whose efforts seemed unbounded. In this we are not unmindful of the efforts of the men who were left to attend to the

regular business of the road, at that time largely increased, and made more difficult by the absence of those who were engaged in the centennial business. To one and all we tender our sincere and hearty thanks.

J. W. HOBART, Gen'l Supt.
J. M. FOSS, Supt. R. S. & M

The very successful operation of the whole line, and especially of the one hundred and twelve miles of the Harlem Extension Division, on a single line of track, and the speedy and comfortable transportation to and from Bennington of 50,000 passengers during the week, is a great triumph in railroading. That this should have been effected with no serious inconvenience, and without the slightest accident to person or property, is the best commentary the writer can give on the railroad management at the Centennial. The public will fully endorse the following complimentary letter of President Smith, addressed to Supt. Hobart. It explains itself without further comment from the writer :

CENTRAL VERMONT RAILROAD,
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
ST. ALBANS, VT., AUG. 25TH, 1877. }

JOHN W. HOBART, Esq., General Superintendent, etc. :

My Dear Sir :—The recognition of true merit, and the bestowal of just praise are always pleasing duties to perform, and when to these there is superadded a sincere personal regard, the pleasure of such recognition is doubly enhanced

I should be untrue to myself and to the company which I represent if I failed to acknowledge in some formal manner the just consideration to which you, and others associated with you, are entitled for the great ability, the watchful care and wonderful precision which characterized all the arrangements for the recent Centennial celebration at Bennington, both in the preparation and execution.

That such a vast concourse of people as was there assembled could be moved on a single track without accident and without inconvenience or expressed dissatisfaction seems almost incredible, and speaks highly for the executive ability and talent of those in charge. The occasion was one of great anxiety to myself, but the knowledge that able and true men were in charge served greatly to relieve my apprehensions, and gave assurance of safety and success. I desire, therefore, to express to you and through you to Mr. Foss, Superintendent of Motive Power, and to all the other



John Stark

*“ There are the Red Coats and they are ours,
or this night Mollie Stark sleeps a widow.”*

heads of departments and the employes of the road who were engaged on that occasion, my high appreciation of the faithful service rendered, and to commend you all for it.

It is with a feeling of pride I express the conviction that no railroad corporation can claim for its employes a higher degree of intelligence, a more watchful care, a more thorough devotion to duty and a more thoughtful regard for the interest of the Company than the Central Vermont, and I am happy to say that they enjoy to the fullest extent the respect and confidence of the managers.

With renewed assurances of my personal regard and friendship toward yourself and those associated with you and under your charge, and with kindest wishes for your and their future welfare and prosperity,

I am, very sincerely yours,

J. GREGORY SMITH, President.

THE PRESS AT BENNINGTON.

Among the representatives of the press at Bennington during the week of the 16th of August, and to whom the public are under especial obligation for full and excellent reports of the celebration, may be mentioned: Messrs. E. V. Smalley, of the N. Y. Tribune; Thomas McGuire, N. Y. Herald; A. G. Hills and E. Morton Smith, Boston Journal; H. W. Love, Boston Globe; B. P. Palmer, Boston Herald; Mills, N. Y. Times; Tewksbury, Chicago Inter-Ocean; Hawley, Hartford Courant; Clark and Williams, Rutland Globe; Tuttle, Pettengill and Hibbard, Rutland Herald; Benedict, Free Press and Times; Butler, Windsor Journal; Kingsley, Burlington Clipper; Greene, Woodstock Standard; Poland, Montpelier Watchman; Stone, St. Johnsbury Caledonian; Mott, Brandon Union; Swain, Bellows Falls Times; Merchant, Burlington Democrat; French and Stedman, Brattleboro Phoenix; Chandler, Vermont Record and Farmer; Huse, Montpelier Freeman; Sullivan, Montpelier Argus; Hackett, Ludlow Gazette; Chase, Lyndon Union, and others. The members of the local press did all in their power to entertain and make pleasant the stay of their brethren of the profession. Major A. P. Childs, of the "Vermont Centennial," made his office press headquarters for the occasion, much to the satis-

faction of the fifty or more representatives of journalism that were at Bennington.

Among the commendable examples of journalistic enterprise incident to the Centennial, that of Childs Bros. is deserving especial mention. They had associated with them editorially, Messrs. Clark and Williams of the Rutland Globe; S. B. Griffin of the Springfield Republican; and S. B. Parmenter of the Troy Press, in the publication of "The Vermont Centennial," a bright and newsy daily, from the 10th to the 20th of August, with twenty-five interesting issues before and after those respective dates, in tri-weekly form. The Bennington Banner proprietors, C. A. Pierce and Co., assisted by those able knights of the quill, Messrs. Geo. H. and Lucius Bigelow, issued during the ten days of the Centennial season, from the 10th to the 20th of August, a large and readable Daily Banner. It was a very creditable publication and widely circulated, as it deserved to be.

The very graphic and complete reports that appeared in the Springfield Republican were highly creditable to Mr. S. B. Griffin, one of the associate editors of that journal, and received a popular recognition in the thousands of copies sold daily in the streets of Bennington. The proprietors ran a special newspaper train from Springfield each morning, which brought their morning edition with a full report of the previous day's celebration into Bennington about the breakfast hour.

THE VERMONT EDITORS' AND PUBLISHERS' ASSOCIATION held its annual meeting at the Graded School Hall, Tuesday evening of Centennial week. An interesting address was delivered by Hon. E. P. Walton, and a humorous poem was read by Rev. O. G. Wheeler. The following list of officers was elected for the ensuing year: President, Hon. E. P. Walton; First Vice-President, A. N. Swain; Second, L. O. Greene; Third, Henry Clark; Recording Secretary, Rev. S. B. Pettingill; Corresponding Secretary, H. A. Huse; Treasurer, C. M. Stone; Executive Committee, G. G. Benedict, Joseph Poland, and H. M. Mott.

PART SECOND.

Review of the Military Organizations at the Second Battle of Bennington.—A History of the Citizen Soldiery of Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, at Bennington, on Vermont's Centennial Week.

THE NATIONAL GUARD OF VERMONT.

IT was a matter of pride to every Vermonter worthy of the name, that our State possessed a body of citizen soldiery so well appointed and efficient as our First Regiment showed itself to be at Bennington. No organization contributed more to the success of the centennial celebration. The fine order of its camp, the good behaviour of the men, and the appearance of the Regiment on parade, on guard and in drill, won very high compliments from many strangers, officers of the regular army, veterans of the late war, and officers in the militia of other States and of Canada, whose praise is worth something in military matters. While each man in the Regiment is entitled to his share of the praise thus accorded, it is undervaluing no one to say that the chief credit for the condition of the Regiment has been due to its commander, Col. T. S. Peck. He has infused a good share of his own interest in the formation of an efficient militia into the officers and men of his command; and in attention to its interests and labor for its welfare he has been indefatigable. He has been ably seconded by his subordinate officers; and with such veteran field and line officers as Lieut. Colonel Greenleaf, Major Carr, Captains Henry, Newton, Williams and others, with so large a sprinkling of veterans in the com-

panies, and with such an amount of good material in the rank and file, no one can doubt that the Regiment would render as good an account of itself in action as it does on the parade ground.

From the "flood wood" era of ante-rebellion times, the transition in the discipline, dress and equipment of our militia has been very marked. But up to 1872, when the State was encumbered by three regiments of "raw" militia, the improvement was not so marked as that which has characterized the First Regiment since its organization, five years ago. The State did wisely in forming one regiment from the three. The *personnel* of the companies comprises our best citizens. Nearly all the officers of the Regiment served in the late war; many with distinction, and all with credit and honor to themselves. The following is the record of the veterans of the field and staff in the National Guard:

Col. T. S. Peck, Burlington; Capt. and A. Q. M. vols.; Lieut. 9th Vermont Infantry; private 1st Vermont Cavalry.

Lt. Col. W. L. Greenleaf, Winooski; private, Serg., 2d and 1st Lt. Co. L, 1st Vermont Cavalry, prisoner of war.

Major C. W. Carr, Brandon; 1st Lt., brevet Capt. Co. A, 4th Vermont, and prisoner of war.

Lt. Wm. Smith, Burlington; Q. M. private Co. C, 12th Vermont.

Assistant Surgeon C. P. Thayer, Burlington; private 13th Vermont Vols.

Assistant Surgeon L. M. Bingham, Burlington; private Co. H, 2d Vermont.

Chaplain Daniel C. Roberts, Brandon; Private Co. E, 84th Ohio.

Ed. E. Greenleaf, Quartermaster-Sergeant, Private, Sergeant-Major, Second-Lieutenant, First-Lieutenant, First Vermont Light Battery, and Adjutant Reserve Artillery, 1st Division, 19th Army Corps.

J. S. Spaulding, Commissary Sergeant, Sergeant Company G, 2d Vermont.

J. B. Morse, Hospital Steward, 11th Regiment United States Infantry.

Geo. C. Hastings, Drum Major, Private 142d New York.

(The complete roster of the field and staff is given on page 18, in the first part of this work.)

Ten Companies of Light Infantry, with Fuller's Light Battery of Artillery, comprise the First Regiment National Guard

of Vermont. The history of each company will be found in the order of the Captain's rank or his date of commission.

COMPANY F, NEW ENGLAND GUARDS, NORTHFIELD.

Carlos D. Williams, Captain ; E. H. Howes, First Lieutenant ; John L. Mosely, Second Lieutenant : fifty-two men. The New England Guards were first organized in 1858, with S. G. Patterson, Esq., as Captain, who was succeeded by Hon. George Nichols, the present efficient Secretary of State. In 1861 the Company entered the 1st Regiment of Vermont troops with Captain W. H. Boynton as commander. They afterwards served a second term of enlistment in the 12th, under Captain D. Thomas. They reorganized in 1868, and elected for Captain C. D. Williams, who ranks first in the order of his commission as Captain, In 1872 the Company entered the 1st Regiment on the reorganization of the militia.

They have the name of being one of the best drilled companies in the regiment ; Captain Williams' reputation as a strict disciplinarian and an excellent drill master being an enviable one. The Guards were detailed at Bennington as special escort to President Hayes, and at his reception did duty under Captain Williams at the Walloomsac House. They provided their own rations at the muster, having a fine mess tent where substantial meals were served. In their ranks are the following veterans :

C. D. Williams, First-Lieutenant Company F, 12th Vermont Volunteers.

H. B. Briggs, Private Company G, 6th Vermont Volunteers.

W. B. Jones, Private Company H, 4th Vermont Volunteers.

Homer Denny, Private Company F, 12th Vermont Volunteers.

V. W. Smith, Private Company F, 12th Vermont Volunteers.

W. W. Stevens, Private Company H, 16th Vermont Volunteers.

James Evans, Private Company E, 41st Ohio.

E. H. Howes, Private Company F, 12th Vermont Volunteers.

COMPANY D, RANSOM GUARD, ST. ALBANS.

John W. Newton, Captain ; F. Stewart Stranahan, First Lieutenant ; Seymour H. Wood, Second Lieutenant ; seventy-

two men. In June, 1856, there was organized in St. Albans, Vt., a company of Light Infantry, which was named the "Ransom Guard," in honor of Colonel R. T. Ransom, a distinguished officer in the Mexican War, under General Scott. The muster roll, as made out by the Clerk of the Company, George G. Hunt, Esq., who subsequently was Captain of the Guard, showed sixty-five members, including the St. Albans Cornet Band of eleven pieces. The officers of the Company at that time were as follows: Thomas F. House, Captain; George J. Stannard, First Lieutenant; A. O. Brainerd, Second Lieutenant; George P. Conger, Third Lieutenant; C. G. Chandler, First Sergeant; C. H. Clark, Second; E. J. Marsh, Third; C. H. Reynolds, Fourth; S. R. Day, Auditor; Geo. G. Hunt, Clerk, and W. W. Post, Treasurer. Their uniform was a dark gray, trimmed with red.

At the outbreak of the war, the Company promptly offered their services to the government, and were early at the front in the First Regiment, the company commander being Captain Chandler, under Colonel Phelps. Their ranks furnished a number of distinguished officers, among whom were Major General Stannard, Lieutenant Colonel Charles G. Chandler, Tenth Vermont; Captain Bogue, Tenth; Captain Perkins, Eighth; Captain Louis McD. Smith, and Captain Alonzo Hurlburt, Fifth; and Captain George Kittredge, of the Twelfth Regiment. At the close of the rebellion their numbers were greatly reduced, and it was not until June, 1872, that the reorganization of the Ransom Guard was effected.

They were the second Company to organize under the legislative militia act of that year, and the first to adopt the handsome uniform of the New York Seventh Regiment, which to-day has become the dress of all the other companies of the National Guard. The Ransom Guard attended, by invitation, the Concord Centennial, on April 18th, 1875. They went down with full ranks, accompanied by the St. Albans Brigade Band, having two Pullman sleeping cars for their transportation to Concord, and occupancy while there. The Guard were highly complimented for their fine appearance and drilling at

this celebration. In 1876, their company roll numbered 102 men, forming a battalion of two companies, under Major Newton,—with Companies D and H,—F. Stewart Stranahan being Captain of the second Company. As the Ransom Guard Battalion, they made an excursion to Philadelphia during the National Centennial. Under Major Newton, Companies D and H, and the Ransom Guard Battalion Band,—formerly the St. Albans Brigade,—mustering seventy men, started from St. Albans, June 28th, 1876, for Philadelphia, to be absent ten days. They acted as escort on this occasion, with the Estey Guard of Brattleboro, to Governor Peck, who visited the Exposition at this time. They encamped on Fairmount Park during their eight days' stay in Philadelphia. In the grand military parade on the Centennial Fourth of July, when 10,000 citizen soldiery were in line, the Ransom Guard received marked attention and praise for their discipline and marching in the procession.

AT CAMP STARK, BENNINGTON.

The admirable arrangement of Captain Newton's Company quarters attracted much attention. The capacious interior of their canvas homes, with boarded floors, cot mattresses, gun racks, camp stools, mirror and lamp holders, and shelving for books, and sundry articles for toilette use, was decidedly creditable and neat looking. At either end of the street was a beautiful made arch of frame work covered with canvas, bearing the legend "Co. D," in monogram, and underneath that, extending over the curved brow of the arch, the Company's name, "Ransom Guard," in letters of artistic design and beautiful colored effect, flanked on the left with the date of the Company's organization, "1856," and on the right the Centennial date, "1877." The entire street of the Ransom Guard was covered by an awning running back to the captain's quarters.

The cuisine branch of the Guard's quarters was unrivalled by the down-town hotels of Bennington, in the *menu* daily provided at the mess tent, where Messrs. E. C. Gallar, Dullahan, Ford, Freak and other first-class caterers were on duty.

On the evening of Bennington's battle anniversary the Guard had a celebration of their own. The quarters were put in perfect order, and brilliantly illuminated, and presented a very attractive appearance. During the evening hundreds of visitors thronged the streets, who were entertained with choice selections by the Band and Glee Club, and delighted with the display of fireworks sent up at the company quarters. Some \$150.00 worth of Roman candles, bengolas, rockets, colored lights, etc., made the scene one long to be remembered.

A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation by General James S. Peck, to the Company, of an elegant pyramid some four feet high, composed of red and white roses, lilies of the valley, geraniums, fuschias and rare exotics, which he said he had the pleasure to present on behalf of himself and the staff of Governor Fairbanks, as a mark of esteem, and for courtesies received from the Ransom Guard. This handsome floral tribute, as it stood in the centre of the brilliantly lighted quarters of the company, was the admiration of all.

General W. F. Smith, better known as "Baldy," and Colonel Tanner, commander of the G. A. R. of New York State, visited the Guard and made complimentary remarks to the company.

The Boston Cadet Corps, escort for Lieut. Gov. Knight, of Massachusetts, paid the company's quarters a visit with their Drum Corps and Band, and after exchanging courtesies of the day—and evening—they serenaded the boys, and retired amid cheers.

The Manchester War Veterans followed next, and with pleasant allusions Capt. Dodge presented on behalf of his New Hampshire Veterans, each member with a fine cabinet sized photograph of Gen. John Stark. During the evening the R. G. Glee Club sang, and the band played a number of fine selections. The whole affair was very creditable to the company, who never do things by halves, and who make their organization not only a first-class one in a military point of view, but a means and source of much social enjoyment, and a caravansary of hospitality.

The Guards had the honor of the right of the line in the procession on Vermont's Centennial Day, and were detailed to escort the presidential party at the reception at the Walloom-sac House, Wednesday night. Among the numerous visitors to the Guard's quarters were Col. Edmands, of the Boston Cadet Corps, and Col. E. G. Stevens, Assistant-Inspector General of Massachusetts, members of a committee to prepare a report on militia camp equipments, for the Massachusetts Legislature, who visited the camp of the Ransom Guards, and admitted freely that Capt. Newton's gun-racks and other comforts and conveniences of the company quarters were a touch above anything of the kind they had seen elsewhere.

The Guard always keep "open house" at musters. On this Centennial occasion they had several hundred distinguished guests around their festive board. Among the number was the venerable father of Petroleum V. Nasby, Mr. A. R. Locke, now 84 years old. This old and patriotic gentleman is filled with historical data and wit, showing conclusively that he did not transmit all of his genial nature to Petroleum.

Commissary Sergt. A. C. Stonegraves superintended the catering, and as a proof of the way the boys live in camp, and as a fitting close to this sketch, the bill of fare for one day is appended.

SOUP.

Rice, Peas, Tomato, Vegetable.

MEATS.

Roast Beef, Lamb, Pork, Corn Beef Tripe, Liver, Bacon.

VEGETABLES.

Tomatoes, Potatoes, Cabbage, Turnips, Cucumbers, Watermelon, Musk melon.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Wheat Bread, Brown Bread, Cream and Butter, Toast, Eggs in various forms, Tea, Coffee.

All of the officers, and many of the men of Co. D., served in the war. The veterans are as follows:

J. W. Newton, Captain of Company D, formerly Captain Company L, 1st Vermont Cavalry.

F. Stewart Stranahan, First Lieutenant of Company D, formerly First Lieutenant Company L, 1st Vermont Cavalry.

Seymour H. Wood, Second Lieutenant of Company D, formerly Sergeant Company L, 1st Vermont Cavalry.

Wm. P. Olmstead, Sergeant of Company D, formerly Corporal Company K, 13th Vermont Volunteers.

D. K. Gilson, Sergeant of Company D, formerly Second Lieutenant Company I, 10th Vermont Volunteers.

Willard Farrington, Sergeant of Company D, formerly First Lieutenant Company L, 1st Vermont Cavalry.

S. Story, Jr., Sergeant of Company D, formerly Private Company K, 1st Massachusetts Heavy Artillery.

S. D. Hopkins, Commissary Sergeant of Company D, formerly Sergeant Company I, 10th Vermont Volunteers.

E. P. Phillips, Private of Company D, formerly Third Sergeant Company I 16th New Hampshire Volunteers.

John C. Stranahan, private of Company D, formerly Private 15th Infantry, on detached service, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C.

Edmund P. Clark, Private of Company D, formerly Private 12th Vermont Volunteers.

Geo. E. Hastings, Musician of Company D, formerly Private 142d New York Volunteers, afterwards enlisted in the 32d Regiment U. S. A., and was promoted to Drum Major.

John S. Story, Musician of Company D, formerly Private Company K, 1st Massachusetts Heavy Artillery.

James Myers, Private Company D, formerly First Sergeant Virginia Regiment, C. S. A.

COMPANY I, ESTEY GUARD, BRATTLEBORO.

This fine organization dates from 1874. With Captain Julius J. Estey, First Lieutenant Fletcher K. Barrows, and Second Lieutenant Frederick W. Childs, for officers, it is fairly representative of Brattleboro's enterprising citizens; and being honored with the name of Estey, so justly celebrated wherever civilization or musical culture extends, the Company represents the industry and prosperity which the great manufacturer has given that beautiful town. The Estey Guard are no discredit to the name, but in their harmony of movement and excellence of action, seem to reflect the commendable characteristics of the Cottage Organ, winning as enviable a reputation in the military line as the instruments bearing the same name do in a musical sense. Captain Estey takes a great interest in his Company, and the rank of his commission

gives to the Guard the honorable position of color company of the Regiment. They are finely provided for the occasion, having been the recipients a year or two ago, from the ladies of Brattleboro, of an elegant silk flag, richly fringed and staff handsomely mounted. Captain Estey was recently appointed on Governor Fairbanks' staff, with the rank of Colonel. The Company have an excellent Glee Club, and the Fuller Drum Corps, numbering fourteen, do good service for them, and in their neat uniform look very attractive. In July, 1876, the Company made an excursion to Philadelphia and the Centennial, going as escort—with the Ransom Guard—for Governor Peck. They encamped some ten days on Fairmount Park, and were assigned a prominent position in the grand military procession on the Fourth of July, when ten thousand troops paraded. Their fine appearance and the precision of their marching received marked approval by press and public.

AT BENNINGTON.

At the centennial muster in Bennington, the Estey Guard numbered some sixty men. Their camp looked the picture of neatness and comfort, with boarded floors, mattresses and numerous home-like comforts. Their capacious mess tent at each meal covered a finely spread table and a hospitable host. The officers of the Company take much interest in the affairs of the organization, as is seen in the superior dress, equipments, and camp comforts provided at their expense for the boys, who seem to return the favor by good discipline, courteous manners and fine drilling.

On the arrival of the presidential party at Bennington, August 15th, when the whole military present turned out to meet them, the Estey Guard were made special escort on the march to the Center village, where President Hayes was to stop. On the evening of the battle anniversary, (the 16th,) the quarters of the Company were brilliantly illuminated, and attracted much attention. From the top of a fifty foot pole, standing in the center of the camp, were scores of Chinese lanterns suspended on wires running to the four corners of the company street, while various colored lights made the scene

very handsome. On Friday night, the last in Camp Stark, the illuminations surpassed those of the 16th. They were very fine, and creditable to Captain Estey. Saturday morning, at 8.30 o'clock, the Company took the train for home, arriving in Brattleboro early in the afternoon. The veteran members of the Guard are the following :

First Sergeant C. H. Bond ; Sergeant W. F. Smith ; Privates, H. A. Reynolds, F. E. Root ; Commissary-Sergeant A. Oakes.

COMPANY A, "RUTLAND LIGHT GUARD," RUTLAND.

Charles C. Kinsman, Captain ; E. M. Edgerton, First Lieutenant ; George Q. Day, Second Lieutenant ; fifty-one men. The old Company of this name was organized in 1855, with General H. H. Baxter as Captain. When he was promoted the captaincy was taken by General W. Y. Ripley, and the Company entered the old First Vermont S. V. in 1861, under his command. The present Company was named in June, 1873, and is composed of Rutland's best citizens.

This Company ranks fourth in the rank of their Captain's commission. They stand well up in the Regiment for both gentlemanly bearing and excellent drill and discipline. They have a mess tent of their own, and the boys of the Light Guard find good rations in this hotel *de* Rutland of canvas. All of the commissioned officers are veterans, as will be seen by the war record of the Company below.

Captain C. C. Kinsman, First Lieutenant 4th Regiment, Vt. Vols.
First Lieutenant E. M. Edgerton, principal Musician 9th Vt. Vols.
Second Lieutenant George Q. Day, Musician 6th Vt. Vols.
Private Burt Blackmore, Private 2d Regiment Light Artillery.
Private Anthony Austin, Private Co. H, 14th Regiment Vt. Vols.
Private Jesse Bishop, Private 5th Regiment Vt. Vols.
Private Orlando Bishop, Private 1st Regiment Vt. Vols.

COMPANY B, BARLOW GRAYS, ST. ALBANS.

Captain, J. Newton Culver ; First Lieutenant, Matthew G. Gilder ; Second Lieutenant, Emerson W. Bordo. The Barlow Grays are deserving of honorable mention for their soldierly conduct, and of recognition for the precision and order which has characterized their field movements and company evolu-

tions during the muster. Company B. was organized May 22, 1872. Mason B. Carpenter, Esq., was chosen Captain, his commission ranking second in order of date. Matthew G. Gilder was elected First Lieutenant, and he now stands first among the officers of that rank in the Regiment. Frank L. Roberts was their Second Lieutenant. He was succeeded by Orderly Sergeant Emerson W. Bordo, whose commission as Second Lieutenant places him at the head of that list. Fred A. Lewis, Esq., was in 1874 elected company commander in place of Captain Carpenter, resigned, and on the 4th of February, 1875, Captain J. Newton Culver was commissioned to fill the vacancy caused by the removal West of Captain Lewis. The Barlow Grays were the first Company of the Regiment to procure a new uniform, and to provide at their own expense a dress different from the State regulation suit. The one adopted by them was similar to that of the old Ransom Guard of 1856. It is of cadet gray, with trimmings of red and gold lace, white cross belts and gilt shield, with monogram "B. G.;" epaulets and plume of red and white, with a high-crowned dress cap, and a fatigue coat of blue. Their knapsacks and equipments are of new pattern and make. Their company room, in the Lake street armory, is fitted up and furnished in a style that is probably not surpassed in the State. It is finished in ash and black walnut, handsomely carved, with lockers, gun rack, settees, officers' desks, etc., of fine workmanship. The walls are frescoed with taste and hung with oil paintings, and altogether it is an attractive place. The Company have their regular meeting on Thursday of each week. All of the six commissioned officers of the Company, and one-third of the men, wore the blue during the late war, several being officers. Their reputation for field movements has been excellent, and Captain Culver has reason to be gratified that his efforts in this direction have met with public recognition, and received the flattering commendation of the officers of the Regiment. Having worn their uniform for five years, it was desired by the members of the Company to procure a new one, which they did, adopting gray and

black with heavy gold trimmings, with a fatigue suit of the same material, which is of the best quality and fit.

The Barlow Grays were honored at Bennington by being detailed on the battle day, to do duty at the President's reviewing stand, and also at the Banquet tent. The beautiful silk flag that floated from their quarters at Camp Stark was the prize won by the company at the muster of 1873, when in competition with Company A, of Burlington, the superior drill of the Grays bore off the palm.

Their ranks contain sixteen veterans, the largest number of any company in the Regiment. All of the commissioned officers are veterans, as follows:

Capt. J. N. Culver, Company H, 11th N. H., private.

First Lieutenant, M. G. Gilder, enlisted Aug. 19th, 1861, as private, Company A, 5th Vermont, served four years, mustered out as Second Lieutenant, same company.

Second Lieutenant, E. W. Bordo, enlisted Nov. 24th, 1862, as private, Company F, 1st Vermont, served four years, was mustered out as a corporal.

Sergeant J. C. Gowey, Enlisted 1st Aug. 1862, in Company F, 106th N. Y., taken prisoner July, 1864.

Corporal Frank Osborn, 11th Vt. Battery, H.

Corporal Joe Young, Company A, 1st U. S. Artillery.

Corporal B. Wilkins, Battery I, 1st Vt. H. A.

Private A. Fallert, 12th and 19th Ills., and 187th Ohio and 7th Regular.

L. W. McKay Company K, 7th Vt.

F. W. McGettrick, Company E, Second Regiment U. S. S. S. Wounded battle of Spottsylvania May 18, 1864.

B. C. Richardson, 2d Regiment U. S. Sharp Shooters; 17th Vermont, wounded and taken prisoner Sept. 30th, 1864.

C. L. Spicer, 5th Vt., Company K.

E. Varney, Company C, 9th Vt. Regiment Wounded at Chapin's Farm, Sept. 30, 1864.

Frank L. Roberts, Company B, 15th N. Y. Wounded at Five Forks, April 1, 1865.

L. A. Green, Drum Major, 8th Vt.

L. S. Ingraham, Company C, 5th Vt.

In the manual of arms they seem to excel, and in their conduct and appearance we do not think the reputation of either the National Guard of Vermont or of the town of St.

Albans will suffer. We can say without any hesitation that their reception of friends, and their generous providing, make a visit to their quarters always pleasant. They had the honor of doing escort and guard duty at the President's reviewing stand, and at the banquet on the great day. They are named after Hon. Bradley Barlow, and he has no reason to bear any discredit from the boys of Company B.

COMPANY C, SPRAGUE GUARDS, BRANDON.

Ira M. Hatch, Captain; Edward H. Webster, First-Lieutenant; L. J. Cayhee, Second-Lieutenant. This company was organized as a part of the old Third Regiment, August 17th, 1872, and first Captain was C. W. Carr, of Brandon, well known in connection with the old Fourth Vermont. This company was originally called the "Warner Guards," in memory of that sterling patriot, Colonel Seth Warner. Last year the Company voted to change their name to that of Sprague Guards, in honor of Hon. N. T. Sprague, Jr., whose name in connection with the Howe scale has become world wide. It was to the enterprise and generosity of this gentleman that Vermont visitors to the Philadelphia Centennial were indebted for their comfortable and neat headquarters building. The Guards have procured a new uniform since the muster of 1876, corresponding with that of the N. Y. 7th, and presented at Bennington a fine appearance. They have these veterans among their number:

Captain Ira M. Hatch, formerly Company H, 5th Vt. Infantry, orderly for Maj. Gen. L. A. Grant.

First Lieutenant Edward H. Webster, formerly Co. A, Second N. Y. Volunteers and hospital steward.

Fourth Sergeant, George Smith, formerly Company I, 11th Vt. heavy artillery; private.

Corporal, Henry Barrows, formerly battery D, 4th U. S. artillery; orderly sergeant.

Second Sergeant, Andrew Ness, formerly Company D, 25th U. S. infantry; orderly sergeant.

Musician, Fayette Morey, formerly Company A, 7th Vt. infantry; musician.

Private Harry Session, formerly Company C, 10th Vt. ; color corp.

Private Daniel Sessions, formerly Company G, 7th Vt. ; private.

Private Fred McIntyre, formerly Company B, 7th Vt. ; private.

COMPANY K, PARK GUARD, BENNINGTON,

This Company was organized January 20th, 1876, with N. O. Wilcox, Captain ; J. A. N. Williams, First Lieutenant ; and W. H. Bradford, Second Lieutenant. Soon after the organization the Company was presented, by T. W. Park, Esq., and a few other friends, with a complete dress and fatigue uniform, of the same make and style as the Seventh New York Regiment. The ladies of Bennington also presented the Company with a beautiful stand of colors. There are fifteen veterans in the Company, and they represent nearly every Regiment furnished by Vermont in the late war. The Company has attained a proficiency in drill and soldierly bearing seldom attained by a body of men in so short a time. The Guard were special escort to President Hayes, Thursday, August 16th. The flag presented by the ladies is of heavy silk, with gold fringe and letters of gold. The Guard have purchased bear-skin hats the present season, which add greatly to the appearance of the Company.

The name was adopted in honor of T. W. Park, Esq., who is well known throughout the State, and who has been very liberal to the Company, and is ever ready to respond to their needs. They have the following veterans in their ranks:

Captain N. O. Wilcox, Musician Co. A, 4th Vt. Vols.

First Lieutenant J. A. N. Williams, Sergeant Co. A, 2d Vt. Vols.

First Sergeant A. C. Sweet, corporal U. S. Regiment.

Sergeant W. W. Kendall, Corporal Co. A, 4th Vt. Vols.

Sergeant S. A. Holt, Sergeant 14th Mass. Vols.

Sergeant A. M. Downs, Corporal Co. I, 57th N. Y. Vols.

Corporal Fred Rodfrey, Sergeant Co. A, 4th Vt. Vols.

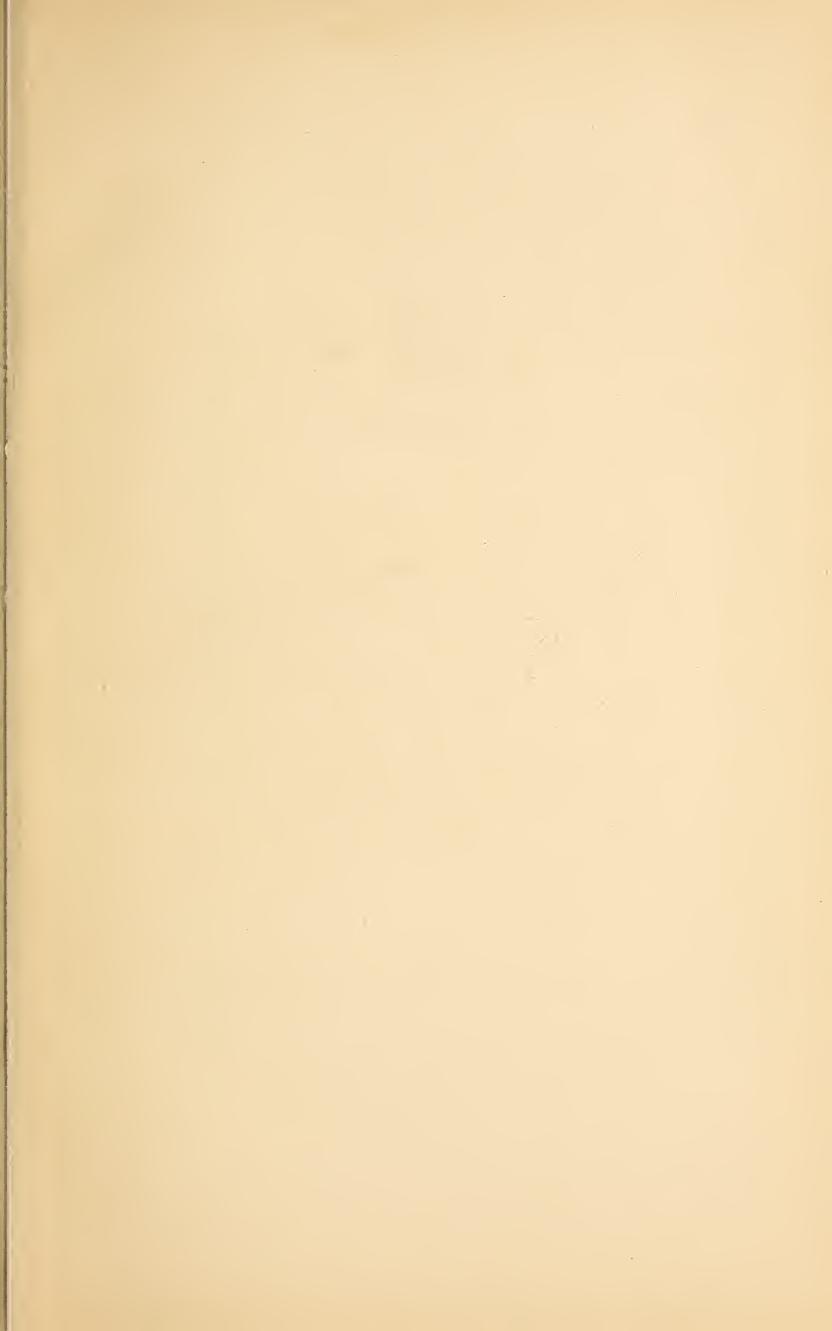
Private Charles Burt, Private First Vermont Battery.

Private Joe Clifford, Private Co. L 11th Vt. Vols.

Private Homer Lewis, Sergeant Co. G, 69th N. Y. Vols.

Private J. W. Williams, Private 3d N. J. Cavalry.

Private S. F. Wellman, Sergeant Co. F, First Vermont Cavalry.





THE BATTLE OF BENNINGTON, AUGUST 16, 1777.

COMPANY E, GREEN MOUNTAIN BOYS, BURLINGTON.

The "Green Mountain Boys" were originally organized one hundred years ago, Colonels Ethan Allen and Warner being their first commanders. Their valor and patriotism history records on her brightest pages. The "Green Mountain Boys"—of Vermont's Queen City—reorganized in June 1875, and are officered as follows: W. W. Henry, Captain; Eben Taplin, First Lieutenant; W. L. French, Second Lieutenant; fifty-one men. Under General Henry of the Old Tenth Vermont, and with the soldierly appearance and excellent discipline of the "Boys of 1877," the heroes of the Revolution suffer no discredit through their namesakes. Although the Company is one of the last organized, yet their drilling would be creditable to much older companies. They carry a banner symbolizing the character of their organization. It is of pure white, having the State's motto and coat of arms, with the name of the Company inscribed thereon in green, and was a present from Second Lieutenant French. During their encampment in Bennington the Company was honored by the appointment of General Henry as Division Commander in the procession on both the 15th and 16th days. The General was Marshal of that part of the parade comprising the New Hampshire Military, executive and legislative bodies, and in his veteran dress and bearing, recalled the days when he was leading the sons of Vermont to battle. Their First Lieutenant, Eben Taplin, was detailed through the muster to serve as Provost Marshal, a position he was well adapted to fill. The command of the Company devolved on Second Lieutenant W. L. French during these days. His efficiency as a commanding officer, and his standing as a tactician was proven on numerous occasions before the public. The marching of the Green Mountain Boys, and especially their execution in the manual of arms, was very commendable. At the dress parade Sunday evening their fine drill received the applause of the multitude assembled. Lieutenant French took charge also of the *cuisine* department for the Company and catered for seventy-five persons in the large mess tent to the rear of the

Company's quarters. The duty of escorting the Presidential party from Bennington Center on the morning of the 16th, fell to the National Guard. The "Green Mountain Boys" were placed in the rear of the distinguished party, and their wheeling was observed by the President with evident satisfaction. The Company extended their hospitality to the Burleigh Corps of Whitehall, during the 15th and 16th days, numbering some fifty of that City's enterprising young men. They have the following veterans in their ranks:

Captain W. W. Henry, 1st Lieut. 2d Vermont; Col. 10th Vt.; Brevet Brigadier General.

First Lieutenant Eben Taplin, 2d Lieut. 3d Battery, Vt. Vols.

Corporal H. Gilman, Sergeant 5th Vt.

Chas. Nichols, Private 5th Vt.

Chas. Hughes, Corporal 12th; Private 17th.

N. Lawry, Private 1st Vt.

Chas. Wight, Sergeant 12th Vt.

Robert McCollom.

COMPANY G, BRADFORD GUARD, BRADFORD.

Frank R. Chamberlain, Captain; James A. Waterman, First Lieutenant; Eugene Levitt, Second Lieutenant; forty-eight men. This Company is composed of some of the best citizens of Bradford. Their organization is among the oldest in the State, dating from 1857. In 1861 they entered the First Vermont, and subsequently served a second term in the Twelfth Vermont Regiment. The veterans are:

George W. Martin, First Sergeant, Private Company G, 10th Regiment, Vermont Volunteers.

Charles C. Wright, Private Company D, 1st Vt. Vols., and 2d Sergt., Co. H, 12th Regt. Vt. Vols.

Milton B. Staples, Private Co. G; Private Co. E, 8th Vt. Vols.

Edgar Rowell, Co. G, 1st Corporal Co. D, 12th Vt. Vols.

Harvey D. Gansby 2d Sergt. Co. G; Private 2d Berdan's U. S. S., Co. E; 4th Sergt. 42d Wisconsin Vols., Co. D.

A. F. Jacobs, Musician, Co. G; Musician Co. K, 2d Vt. Vols.

Rufus B. Aldrich, Private Co. G; Private Co. B, 6th Vt. Vols.

COMPANY H, STEWART GUARD, MIDDLEBURY.

John H. Sargent, Captain; W. H. Cady, First Lieutenant; E. L. Stewart, Second Lieutenant. This Company is

named after ex-Governor Stewart, one of Vermont's honored citizens. The veterans are :

Captain John H. Sargent, 2d Lieut. 14th Vt. Vols.
First Lieutenant, Wm. H. Cady, Sergt. 14th Vt. Vols.
Corporal Albin J. English, Private, 5th Vt. Vols.
Almon Enos, Private, 7th Vt. Vols.
Frank H. Piper, Private, 7th Vt. Vols.
Sergeant James J. Manney, Private, 11th Vt. Vols.

THE REGIMENTAL BAND.

The original organization of the Band may be said to date from 1856, when the St. Albans Cornet Band was formed in connection with the Ransom Guard of that day. In 1864 a charter was granted by the Legislature to the "St. Albans Brigade Band," which included a number of the old musicians. From that time to June, 1876, this name was the synonym of first-class music. From the latter date the "Ransom Guard Band" has stood for the same thing, the Band having entered the company organization of the Guard. For three successive years they have been engaged for the fourth of July celebration at Ogdensburgh, and for two years their services have enlivened the Vermont State Fair, and with satisfaction on all occasions. The Band accompanied the Guard to the Centennial at Concord in 1875, and also to Philadelphia on their ten days' excursion in July, 1876. They have been honored for three successive annual musters by their appointment as Regimental Band. Their musical services have been highly satisfactory to the Regiment, and their fine selections have contributed much to the entertainment and enjoyment of the thousands that congregate at the military camp during the musters of the National Guard. The Band consists of twenty-four pieces, under the efficient leadership of Henry W. Hatch, the drum major being George C. Hastings, an old "vet."

At Bennington they played very acceptably on all occasions, and won the commendation of all who heard their musical notes. They presented a fine appearance in their new and handsome uniforms of navy blue broadcloth, trimmed with white, and white leather cross and waist belts with gold

plated mountings, black beaver dress caps, and fatigue caps of jaunty English style, and black leather music pouches. On the cap, epaulets and pouch is the monogram in gold "R. G. B." At guard mount, at battalion drill, and at dress parade their services for the Regiment were daily required. In the evening they serenaded at the head of each company's street. In the processions on the 15th and 16th of August, they led the column, and showed themselves well worthy this position of honor. The night of the President's reception at the Walloomsac House, the Ransom Guard and Northfield Company escorted the presidential party thither, with the Band for music; and during the evening their rendering of choice selections enlivened the occasion. And while it is unnecessary to say anything regarding their playing comparatively with other bands at Bennington, to those who were there, yet for those who were not present we will say that none, outside of those from Boston and Troy, gave such general satisfaction as the Regimental Band.

THE FULLER LIGHT BATTERY.

This fine battery of light artillery was organized in the summer of 1874, and consisted of fifty men and two guns. It held only one parade that year. In the spring of 1875 the number of guns was increased to four, and the membership to seventy-two. It remained up to this time an independent organization, the expense being borne by Col. Fuller. Previous to the fall encampment it was attached to the First Regiment National Guard of Vermont. The Legislature of 1876 passed a law raising a full battery of eighty men and four guns, and under it this command was re-organized. The uniform is of dark blue of the English style, both of coat and helmet, the same as has recently been adopted by the U. S. army.

The roster of the Battery is as follows:

Levi K. Fuller, Captain; Edwin H. Putnam, Adjutant; C. Adams Gray, Assistant Surgeon; Charles R. Briggs, First Lieutenant; John G. Rice, First Lieutenant; Edwin A. Puffer, Second Lieutenant; Patrick Conner, Second Lieutenant; Thomas Hannon, Quartermaster Sergeant; Jerome W. Knight, Commissary Sergeant; Albert T. McClure, First Sergeant; Daniel P. Cobb, Artificer; C. Sager, Guidon; Geo. M. Taylor, J. A. Maxham, Buglers.

The Battery has been a very attractive feature of the military encampment, in past musters. At St. Albans in 1876, a sham fight occurred between the Infantry of the National Guard and Captain Fuller's artillery. After a severe contest, and a brave defense by the Battery, they were at last forced to retire before the superior attacking force of the enemy. Captain Fuller's men handled their guns like old soldiers, and as there are some thirty veterans in the Company, their "regular" action may be accounted for. The Battery this Centennial year, having voted to march across the mountain to the Bennington Muster, Captain Fuller on Thursday evening ordered his men into the armory at Brattleboro, for an early start Friday morning. The bugle call sounded shortly after midnight and at four o'clock the line of march was taken up. The first march without halt was twenty miles on a muddy road to Wilmington, doing the whole distance in the handsome time of eight hours. At Wilmington, the command halted for two hours at the "Soldier's Rest," better known as the Vermont House. The march from Wilmington to the top of the mountain was enlivened by a short but smart shower, and Woodford City, a distance of fourteen miles, was made in five hours and a half. At Woodford, a halt was made for the night at the Crawford House. The march was resumed at five o'clock A. M. for Wilmington. Down the declivity to Wilmington the time was much quicker, and about twelve o'clock the Battery came into this pleasant village on the trot, the column being well closed up. A triumphal arch had been erected bearing the inscription, "Welcome Veterans and F. B.," also other signs of welcome to the battery were hung from houses and stores.

Along the road to Bennington the approach was signalled from house to house, and from hill-top to hill-top, by the waving of signal flags, blowing of horns and other pre-arranged methods. At the river, two miles from Bennington, a halt was made, buckets were gotten out, and a general cleaning and washing up was had. From this point on the march was an ovation. The Battery arrived in camp at eleven o'clock

Saturday morning, August 11th, when the men were dismissed to arrange their little homes under canvas, and to make things comfortable for their life in camp. The guard was immediately posted, Lieut. Connors acting as officer of the day, when camp life commenced in earnest. The camp was on a commanding and lovely spot, upon a gentle slope facing the east, one of nature's best, with shade to the east to shield against the morning's scorching sun, with a wall and shade to the southward, which formed a delightful enclosure and nearly secluded them from their regimental comrades. With their twenty-eight A and wall tents, and fifty fine looking horses, well sheltered by canvas, and 107 "artilleryists,"—gentlemen as well as soldiers,—an encampment was formed of very attractive appearance. Capt. Fuller's hospitality and pleasant welcome to guests was made more delightful by the presence of Mrs. Fuller. It was also well seconded by Mr. E. W. Kellogg of St. Albans, who was an aid on the Captain's staff during the muster. The Battery contributed materially to the military display of the week. Saturday, Sunday and Monday the usual routine of duty was observed by the Battery, in common with the rest of the National Guard. Tuesday the veterans under Colonel Hooker were honored with salutes as they came into camp. Wednesday was the first gala day of the celebration. A national salute was fired at sunrise. At eight o'clock a salute was fired in honor of the New Hampshire troops, and at noon fourteen guns announced that the original thirteen States had one added to their number. At 9.30 A. M. the Battery joined the procession, being attached to the third or left division, under Colonel G. W. Hooker, composed of veterans of the war. At two o'clock the Battery performed escort duty for the President, from the depot to Mrs. Tibbetts', beyond Bennington Center, and there fired a salute of twenty-one guns. Thursday the national salute of thirty-eight guns was fired at sunrise. At 9.30 A. M. the Battery joined the procession, and formed the left of the fifth division, Colonel L. K. Fuller commanding, Lieut. Briggs returning in time to take command of the Battery. Friday

morning a review and inspection in marching order was held by the Governor and Adjutant General J. S. Peck. After dinner, Friday, the pleasant camp was left behind, and the march over the mountain for home was taken up. Brattleboro was reached before sunset of Saturday, and the memorable campaign of eight days on the historic fields of Bennington terminated.

The drill, evolutions and discipline of the Battery was the subject of much admiration at the Centennial. Gen. Baldy Smith complimented the Battery highly, saying it was the finest looking and best drilled battery in New England, and while being reviewed the President inquired particularly about the Battery, wanting to know how long it had been organized, how many men belonged to it, and who was the commanding officer. He agreed with everybody else in saying it made a very fine appearance. Among the members are twenty-seven veterans of the late war, including nine of the officers, as follows :

E. H. Putnam, Adjutant, 16th Vermont. C. A. Gray, Ass't Surgeon 2d New York Cavalry; 2d Lieut. C. R. Briggs, 1st Lieut. 16th Vt.; Corporal. E. A. Puffer, 2d Lieut. 1st Vt. Cavalry. P. Connor, 2d Lieut. 13th Massachusetts Battery, 2d U. S. Battery; Private. A. T. McClure, 1st Sergt. 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery. T. Hannon, Q. M. 9th Vt; 1st Sergt. L. Shield, Sergt. 37th N. Y.; 42d Mass.; Sergt. B. M. Clay, Sergt. 3d Vt. Artillery; Sergt. D. W. Hager, Corp. 8th Vt.; Private. M. L. Corbett, 9th Vt.; Sergt. C. G. Endlich, Corp. 115th Prussian Cavalry; Private. N. C. Stone, Corp. 52d Mass.; Private. G. M. Taylor, Bugler 1st Vt. Cavalry; Bugler. J. A. Maxham, Bugler. 3d Vt. C. W. Sager, guidon, 11th Vt. Heavy Artillery; Private. H. D. Bliss, Private 21st Mass.; Sergt. E. P. Barnes, Private 9th Vt.; Private. A. W. Kezer, 3d Vt.; Private. E. J. Knowlton, 4th Vt.; Private. H. O. Leonard, 16th Vt.; Private. B. F. Pratt, 16th Vt.; Private. S. J. Royce, 2d Vt.; Private. Isaac Sibley, 1st Vt. Heavy Artillery; Corp. E. F. Willard 9th Vt.; Private. J. R. Dunkley, 16th Vt.; Sergt. J. M. Edson, 4th Vt.; Sergt.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE MILITARY.

One hundred years ago the valiant militia from the Granite State, under Gen. Stark, won for themselves immortal glory and honor at Bennington. Vermont was grateful to this sister state for her military assistance and her sympathy in 1777,

and to-day she is none the less grateful for the honor done her in the presence of the representative militia of that State. The Legislature of New Hampshire, at their session of 1877, in recognition of the part taken by their militia at Bennington on the 16th of August 1777, appopriated the sum of \$2,000, in addition to the \$5,000 for the proposed monument for the purpose of securing the attendance of her civic and military representatives at the Centennial Anniversary of Vermont's Independence, and of the Battle Day. In conformity with this action of the Legislature, Governor Prescott issued an order to the several military organizations of the State, that had offered their services as escort to the executive and legislative party, for their attendance at Bennington on the days designated. The distinguished party of New Hampshire visitors consisted of His Excellency B. F. Prescott, Governor and Staff; members of Executive Council; the State officers; some two hundred members of the Legislature; and the city government of Manchester. The military escort consisted of the representative companies of the State, which are sketched below.

A special train of twelve cars left Concord on the morning of Tuesday, August 14th, at ten o'clock, having on board the distinguished party. The train arrived at Bennington about midnight. The representatives of the Granite State were met at the depot by the National Guard of this State, and escorted to the veteran's camp, near the Vermont military. They were assigned a prominent position in the procession on "Vermont Day" and on the Battle Day were honored with the right of the line in the third division, under Gen. Henry as Marshal.

In reviewing the history of the New Hampshire Military who were present on this centennial occasion the "right of the line" is given to the celebrated Amoskeag Veterans who worthily represent the home of General Stark.

THE AMOSKEAG VETERANS.

The corps of Amoskeag Veterans of Manchester N. H., the residence of General John Stark, was originally organized in

1854, and consisted of the most influential and prominent citizens of that city and vicinity. Since its organization it has furnished from its ranks no less than four Governors of the State, eight Judges, two Attorney Generals, six Senators, and three Members of Congress, and it has left an abundance of material with which to keep these offices supplied for years to come. The 22d day of February in each year is celebrated by the corps as its anniversary day, by a parade, oration and other public exercises, dinner and levee.

In 1855, under command of Col. Chandler E. Potter, they made an excursion to the capital of the nation, where they were received with high military and civic honors, and were made the especial guests of the President of the United States. At New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore public banquets were given by the citizens in their honor, and they were the recipients of the highest demonstrations of respect by military organizations and civil authorities. Since that time the Veterans have visited Boston, Worcester, Hartford, Newburyport, Providence and New York, at which latter place they were the guests of the late Col. Fiske, and the Ninth New York Regiment.

They participated in the centennial celebration at Bunker Hill and Concord. They were especial escort of Gov. P. C. Cheney at Philadelphia, on New Hampshire day at the Centennial Exposition, and attended the Bennington celebration as the guests of the Centennial Commission. At Bennington the Battalion were excellently quartered in the Mansion House, Bennington Center, formerly occupied by Mrs. Tibbetts, whose guest the President was during his stay in the town. The house was admirably fitted up for the Veterans' use, by the ladies of the First Baptist Church, and was covered with decorations and illuminations provided by the Veterans themselves. Capacious cooking and elegant dining rooms were constructed in rear of the house. An unceasing display of most brilliant fireworks, and the ravishing music of the A. V. Regimental Band, carried a nightly enchantment into the small hours of the morning, and of the many thou-

sands of Bennington's military and civil visitors none reveled in such royal magnificence as did the Amoskeag Veterans.

Many of the distinguished personages present at this celebration honored the Veterans with a visit at their princely quarters, and to all their hospitalities were freely tendered.

The following is the roster of the Battalion as officered for this occasion. Major A. C. Wallace having been prevented from performing his duty as commander, by an unfortunate accident which detained him at home, the Battalion was under the command of Capt. Darwin H. Simons.

ROSTER.

Captain Darwin H. Simons. Staff—Henry H. Huse, Adjutant; A. G. Fairbanks, Quartermaster; E. F. McQuesten, Surgeon; Henry Powers, Chaplain; Robert Bunton and John Proctor, Color Bearers; Band Leader, Horace D. Gordon, (27 pieces); Drum Major, Francis H. Pike.

Company A:—Lieutenant Henry C. Merrill, commanding Company; Lieutenants E. C. Shirley and J. A. Greenwood.

Company B:—Lieutenant Ira A. Moore, commanding Company; Lieutenant Wm. H. D. Cochran.

THE PORTSMOUTH HEAVY ARTILLERY.

Company K, First Regiment New Hampshire V. M. was organized May 17th, 1876, the officers are, D. J. Vaughan, Captain; S. B. Cunningham, First Lieutenant; A. P. Preston, Second Lieutenant. This fine Artillery Company number forty-eight picked men, composed of young men from the best families of Portsmouth. They may well pride themselves on their proficiency in drill, discipline and soldiery training, if their commendable appearance at Bennington is a specimen of their regular bearing. This Battery opened the battle day anniversary with salvos of artillery, that spoke well for their State. Among the veterans of the Company is Captain Vaughan who served four years in the war, and was wounded severely in the face at Antietam.

THE GOVERNOR CHENEY GUARDS, OF PETERBORO.

This Company was organized Jan. 20th, 1869, as the "Monadnac Rangers," Company B, First Regiment N. H.

V. M. They are composed almost wholly of veterans of the late war, the officers having all seen service in the rebellion. It is much distinguished for its war record. In June 1876, the name was changed to "Gov. Cheney Guards," in honor of Gov. P. C. Cheney, a former citizen of Peteboro. This was the largest Company from New Hampshire at Bennington and was accompanied by White's Drum Corps of Keene, which added much to the fine appearance of the Guards. The officers are as follows: Captain J. F. Noone, First Lieutenant, H. H. Templeton; Second Lieutenant, Martin White; First Sergeant, H. H. Needham; Second, Geo. Diamond; Third E. A. Walton; Fourth M. E. Osborn,

THE MANCHESTER WAR VETERANS.

These gallant veterans of the late war attracted much attention by their soldierly appearance at Bennington. They are officered as follows: Captain, George H. Dodge; First Lieutenant, David A. Paige; Second Lieutenant, Henry H. Everett. These fine looking veterans were accompanied by Batchelder & Stokes' celebrated drum corps. Mr. William H. Morrill of this Company, one of the old hero's descendants, brought some capital pictures of General Stark, from Tenney's original painting, owned by the Manchester city government. On the evening of the battle anniversary the veterans marched to the quarters of the Ransom Guard of St. Albans with their drum corps, and, after serenading them, the commander presented Captain Newton's company with fine cabinet pictures of General Stark.

THE HINSDALE GUARDS.

The town of Hinsdale has no reason to be ashamed at her Guard's appearance, wherever they may be. Their selection was an excellent one for the Second Battle of Bennington. The officers are: Horace Hosford, Captain; Laton W. Follett, First Lieutenant; A. H. Latham, Second Lieutenant; J. W. Buckley, C. L. Holton. A. S. Martin, Sergeants; E. C. Robinson, Fred Horton, Fred Chandler, Lewis Russell, Corporals. The Company numbered forty-one men at Ben-

nington. They were organized in April, 1877, having a uniform of dark blue coats, light blue pants, and regulation hats. Although a new company, their appearance was very creditable.

THE STATE CAPITAL GUARDS, OF CONCORD,

Were organized March 15, 1877, under the direction of Major A. W. Smith, Assistant Adjutant and Inspector General. Charles A. Bond was elected Captain; George M. Felt, First Lieutenant; M. A. Buck, Second Lieutenant. About the middle of June, Captain Bond resigned, and Lieutenant Felt was promoted to Captain; M. A. Buck, First Lieutenant; and Fred A. Price, Second Lieutenant. They have the material for a No. 1 Company, and as twenty of their number are old veterans, the Capital will suffer no discredit through their appearance. At Bennington they certainly made a capital showing of military science.

Of the Strafford Guards of Dover, New Hampshire, the writer is unable to give their history as he has not received any communication from them. Captain J. S. Abbott was in command at the "Second Battle of Bennington;" but whether Dover has seen the Guards since that great day, deponent saith not. The Manchester and Fisherville Bands accompanied the military and added much to the *eclat* of the occasion by their fine selections.

The New Hampshire visitors left for home at nine o'clock Friday morning. They made as favorable an impression by their fine soldierly appearance and discipline at the Second Battle of Bennington, as did the Stark Militia of a hundred years ago by the valor and bravery on the same fields.

CONNECTICUT'S VETERAN PHALANX.

The State of Connecticut did not furnish directly any militia for the Bennington Battle of 1777, but, as General Hawley claims that about all of the famous military heroes and principal civil dignitaries originally came to Vermont from that State, the writer, without disputing him, recognizes the very fitting and appropriate selection made for her representation

at Bennington, in 1877, both in the gallant and eloquent General, as well as in that famous military organization, the Putnam Phalanx. The General's wit, with his "claims" for Connecticut, enlivened the proceedings at the pavilion on "Vermont Day." As he was a guest of the Phalanx during their stay, it was surmised that he might enforce his State's right to Vermont by force of arms. Certainly the occasion was honored by the presence of both the General and the military from the Capital of Connecticut. The names of Putnam, of Stark and of Warner are equally memorable for patriotism and heroic deeds.

The Putnam Phalanx are an organization made up of substantial citizens, whose ages range from early prime to "three score and ten," whose patriotism inspires them to adopt as their watchword, and engrave it upon their banners of him who "dared to lead where any dared to follow." They are a company of gentlemen whose intelligence and dignity with their picturesque continental uniform, fittingly represent the enterprising and beautiful City of Hartford. The officers are as follows:

Major, F. M. Brown; Adjutant, Geo. S. Burnham; Quartermaster, Alvin Squires; Commissary, H. W. Simpson; Judge Advocate, Geo. H. Wood; Chaplain, A. Howard; Surgeon, P. D. Peltier; Paymaster, O. H. Blanchard; Engineer, J. S. Riggs; Assistant Surgeon, Grosvenor Swan; Assistant Engineer, Dudley Fox; Secretary, H. T. Stedman; Color Bearers, Theodore Colston, S. W. Lincoln. Company Officers—Captain, J. S. Hussey; 1st Lieutenant, Joseph Warner; 2d Lieutenant, J. G. Cornwall; Eesign, B. G. Baldwin,

Their history dates from August 8th, 1858, the object of the organization being to take "part in the reception of Col. Thomas H. Seymour," who had done great honor to his country as minister to the Russian court, and was highly esteemed and beloved by his fellow-citizens; also to promote greater "harmony in our social relations," and to perpetuate the memory of the heroes of the revolution and the "times that tried men's souls." It is called a Battalion, having two companies, with a Major as commandant, he having a staff of some fourteen persons, and a drum and fife band. The dress is

fashioned after Washington's in the Patent Office. Its earliest membership composed many of the most distinguished and prominent citizens of that city and state, and at the reception of Colonel Seymour, on his return home from Russia, August 30, 1859, numbered "in full uniform 148 men, rank and file," on parade. Originally it was simply a volunteer association for the purposes named, but at the last session of the State Legislature it obtained a charter, and is now organized with the ordinary powers and responsibilities pertaining to chartered companies, and hopes to preserve to much extent the general bearing and respect hitherto enjoyed as a commemorative body of gentlemen.

At the Bennington celebration the Phalanx had the right of the second division on the first day, and the right of the first division the second day, and also escorted the President to the train, furnishing a platoon who acted as "rear guard" on the occasion.

THE BOSTON CADET CORPS.

The Boston Cadet Corps was originally organized in 1741, as a body guard to the Governor of the Province of Massachusetts Bay. In 1774, under Colonel John Hancock, they performed escort duty for Governor Thomas Gage. In 1776, the members united in an organization known as the Independent Company. In 1786, the title of Cadets was added. From that time up to 1861 their record as the Governor's Body Guard is an honorable one. During the Rebellion over 140 members received commissions and served in different capacities, from the rank of Lieutenant to that of Major General. The 45th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers was officered almost wholly from their ranks. The Corps numbers 180 men, their term of enlistment being three years. Their uniform of white coat and gold trimmings, light blue pants, with black dress caps having white plumes, is a very handsome one. Their splendid marching in the procession, with their fine dress parade at the centennial grounds after the banquet, drew forth flattering encomiums from the assem-

bled thousands. The proficiency of their drilling was excellent. In the evening a detachment of the Cadets visited the Ransom Guard, and made a pleasant social call on the Company. They have the reputation of being the crack military organization of the old Bay State, and well sustained that position while at Bennington. Their officers are as follows:

Thomas F. Edmonds, Lieutenant Colonel; Charles P. Horton, Major; W. L. Richardson, Surgeon—rank, Major; Charles E. Stevens, Mustering Officer—rank, Captain; Francis H. Appleton, Adjutant—rank, First Lieutenant; Charles C. Welch, Quartermaster—rank, First Lieutenant. Non-Commissioned Staff: Sergeant Major, Charles T. Lovering; Quartermaster Sergeant, Thomas P. Beal; Hospital Steward, Charles M. Green; Drum Major, (Band Master,) John C. Mullaly.

THE TIBBITS VETERAN CORPS.

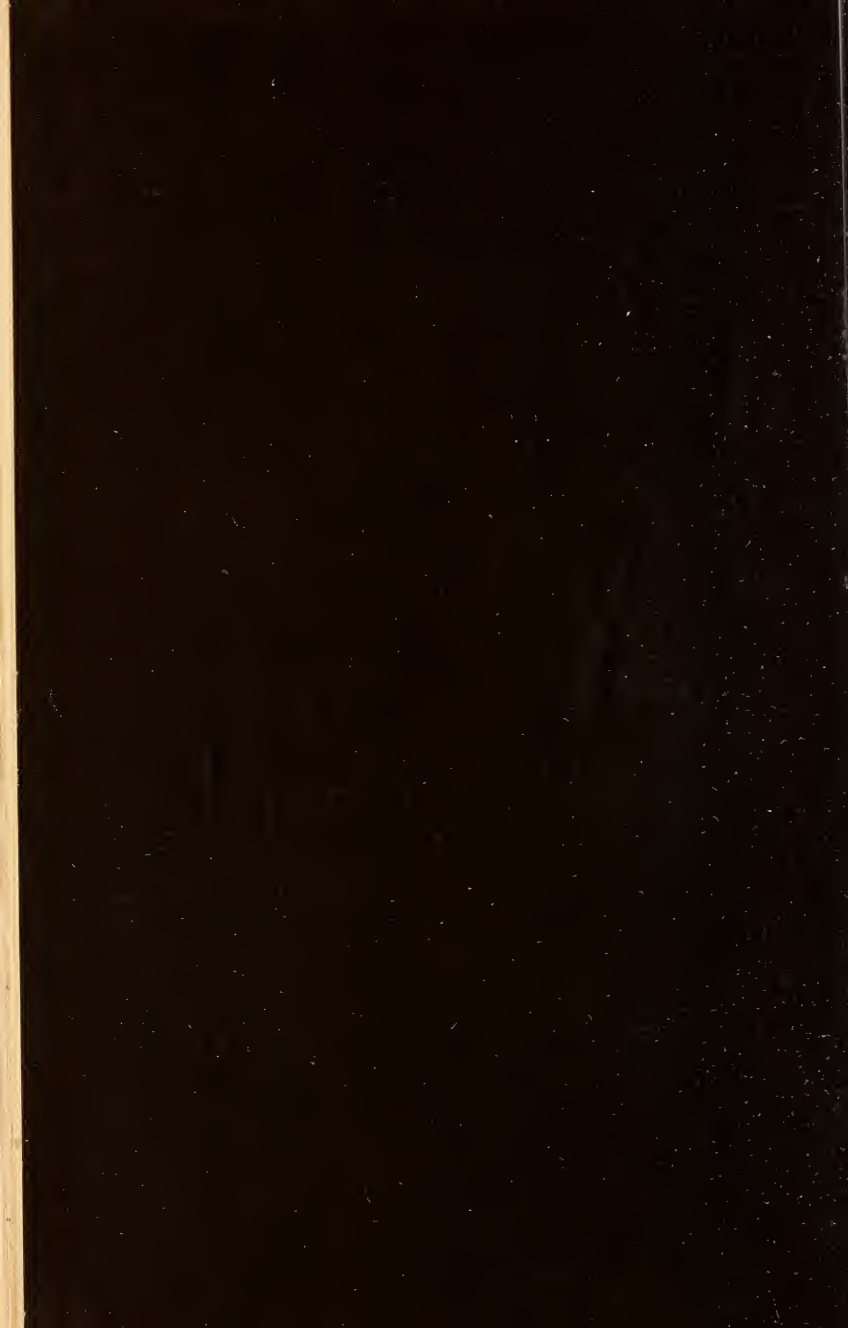
On the 18th of March, 1876, Colonel Joseph Egolf, commander of Post Willard G. A. R. of Troy, N. Y., with some eighty-one veterans of the Post, organized themselves into a military company. The name of "Tibbits Veteran Corps" was selected in honor of that gallant soldier and respected citizen, Major General William B. Tibbits. On Decoration day of 1876, the Corps was mustered into the State's service as the Fourth Separate Company N. Y. S. N. G. General Tibbits, on this occasion, presented the Veterans with an elegant stand of State and National colors. The Corps was present at the 99th anniversary celebration of Bennington's battle. The Veterans made an excursion to the Centennial at Philadelphia, on August 27th, and were received by Post No. 2 of the Quaker City. On August 30th, they gave an exhibition drill at the centennial grounds, which was pronounced by the press of Philadelphia to be the finest military display made there during the Centennial. On the Centennial of Bennington Battle, the Corps visited Bennington as guests of the Park Guard. In the procession and elsewhere they acquitted themselves nobly, and reflected great honor on the Empire State. The Corps at present numbers ninety men, all gallant veterans, true gentlemen, and respected citizens.

IN CONCLUSION.

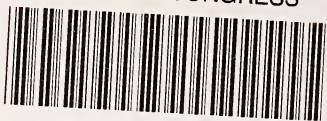
The Vermont Centennial was deserving of the National recognition it received ; and it will rank with any previous anniversary—excepting, of course, the Philadelphia Centennial—not only in the importance of the events commemorated ; of the Declaration and the Constitution, which were baptised and christened in the name of “Freedom and Unity” by the blood of her noble sons, shed at Bennington, in defence of these priceless State papers. But also in the success that attended the celebration ; in the beauty and taste of the decorations, in the high order of the literary exercises, in the fine military display, in the number of distinguished persons present, and in the hundred thousand people that thronged the streets ; together with the honored presence of President Hayes and four members of his Cabinet, of the Executive and Legislative bodies, accompanied by representative military companies from the states that made victory possible here, one hundred years ago. To the Battle Monument Association ; and to the worthy President and members of the Centennial Commission for their earnest efforts and indefatigable labors in perfecting and carrying out the arrangements that made the celebration the success that it was ; and to the people of Bennington that contributed of their means and time to entertain the multitude, and to decorate and make beautiful their homes, are the thanks of one hundred thousand people due for these days of rare enjoyment, and of memorable exercises.







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